

Dubai Community Theatre
& Arts Centreمركز دبي الاجتماعي
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Arabic Calligraphy & Islamic Borders

- beginners to advanced



Course Title:	Arabic Calligraphy & Islamic Borders – beginners to advanced		Age Group:	Adults	
Tutor:	Fatima Rehman		Tutor's Phone No.	050 395 1974	
Day / Cost:	440 AED	Start time:	End time:	No. Weeks:	Hours:
Mondays		10:30 AM	12:30 PM	4	2
					Material Fee:
					NA

Type of course: On-going (enrolment at any time depending on vacancies)

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Description:

Don't be put off by the complexity of what can be produced. This course is suitable for both beginners (Fatima will teach you short-cuts that will enable you to produce beautiful artworks in a matter of weeks!) as well as those more experienced.

Decorative writing – calligraphy – is one of the highest art forms of the Arab world and a primary form of art for Islamic visual expression and creativity. This course will introduce you to the art of Arabic calligraphy - basic lettering and numerals, enabling you incorporate this into your own artworks. Source material will be provided.

Fatima will also demonstrate and teach you how to create simple but effective Islamic borders. For those more experienced or progressing, Fatima will introduce more complex designs as well as the use of watercolours to enhance your paintings and borders.

No previous experience is required to enjoy this programme.

Materials to get started:

- Black or coloured ink (the Art shop next to the centre sells ink from Winsor & Newton)
- Calligraphy pen (which can be purchased directly from the tutor)
- Exercise sheets will be provided

Additional materials for the more experienced:

- Canson watercolour paper (medium weight)
- Soft white eraser
- HB & 2B pencils
- 9 mm craft knife/paper cutter (this can be purchased at the Art shop next to the Arts Centre – approx 7 AED)
- Watercolour brushes
- Set of watercolour paints

Fatima has spent 10 years painting and learning the fine skill of this dying Art. She studied art at university in Philadelphia, USA and also at the National College of Arts.

Fatima Rehman's Exhibition History:

1	Miniature Exhibition (group show) BOMBAY 2007	One Man Show - Pakistan
2	Miniature Exhibition (Diverse voices) (group show) OMAN JAN 2007	Miniatures at Clifton Art Gallery, Karachi Oct 2005
3	Exhibition at Fukuoka Asian art museum ("contemporary miniature paintings from Pakistan") Japan Dec 2005	Miniatures at Chaukandi Art Gallery, Karachi Oct 2004
4	"Art from Pakistan" Exhibition at Parliament House, London Nov 2004	Miniatures at Rohtas 2 Art Gallery, Lahore Oct 2003
5	The Academy of Fine Arts and Literature (pause for a cause) Delhi Sept 2004	
6	Exhibition in France June 2003	
7	Exhibition in Katmandu 2003	
8	Miniatures at I.I.C, Art Gallery, Delhi, India Sept 2001	
9	Miniatures at Athens and Worsa, Greece 2001	