The Worshipful Company of Glovers of London

2026 STUDENT GLOVE DESIGN COMPETITION

Voyage of discovery is the theme for this year's glove design competition, so pack your trunk and set your compass to see where inspiration takes you.

A voyage of discovery is defined as a long journey to explore unknown places, seek new knowledge, or gain new experiences by land, water or space. You may reference historical expeditions such as naturalist Charles Darwin's, or those of ancient China's Zheng He's treasure ships. Alternatively, be inspired by imaginary journeys such as Jules Verne's 20,000 leagues under the sea, or less literal journeys of self-discovery may start you off on your quest. Your challenge is to design a glove to be worn on board, or to commemorate a voyage of discovery which inspires you.

Present a colour illustration of your glove design mounted on an A3 board giving details of the materials (with a sample) and of the construction. The board should include an image of your inspiration and a short paragraph explaining the concept behind your design.

PRIZES

The first prize winner will receive a cheque for **£1,000**, the runner-up will receive a cheque for **£500,** and the 3rd prize winner will receive a cheque for **£250**.

All entries will be automatically considered for the Dents prize for the most commercial, creative, and innovative design, and the winner of this will receive a cheque for **£500**

All prize winners will also receive a certificate, and lunch for themselves and a friend at the prizegiving ceremony. The first prize winner's tutor, and the tutor of the Dents prize winner will also be invited to the lunch.

The Silver Salver, engraved with the college name, will be awarded to the college judged to have contributed the best series of designs to the competition. The Salver will be held by the college for one year, and the course tutor will receive a certificate, and lunch, at the prizegiving ceremony.

The prizegiving will take place in July 2026 at a formal lunch in a Livery Hall in the City of London.

GLOVE DESIGN COMPETITION RULES

- **Each design must be securely mounted on one side only of a single rigid A3 board, with no loose attachments, and should include the design, and all other information requested in the category brief.**
- A clear technical specification drawing must be included on the board to show an understanding of the pattern construction.
- Samples/swatches of leathers/fabrics to be used must be included, securely mounted to the front of the board. If samples are included for colour only, an additional sample should be included for feel.
- Students may submit more than one entry in any category, but each entry must be on a separate board.
- Entries will only be accepted from individual students – joint entries will not be judged
- All entries must have the fully and clearly completed entry form (and nothing else) securely mounted on the back of the board.
- Entry constitutes permission to use an entrant's name in any directly associated publicity material;
- All winning designs will become the property of the Worshipful Company of Glovers of London, and no fees will be payable to any winning entrant should their design subsequently be manufactured.
- Entries will be marked for their overall design, practicability of manufacture, creativity, and adherence to the brief.
- Entries not complying with the rules may be disqualified.
- No entries will be returned.
- The judges' decision is final.

All entries must be received by Friday 13th March 2026 together with a fully completed Tutor Form, and should be sent to:-

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