

Class List for 2022 Braid Conference

Each class session costs \$20. A class with a Part 1 and Part 2, or two sessions, is \$40. Kit fees are noted under class descriptions.



Class: Beginner Braiding: Oval Rug

Instructor: Dottie Pepe

Class Description: Learn the basics of braiding and lacing a classic oval rug, including: preparing wool for braiding, making a T-start, braiding straight and braiding double corners, lacing the braids together, increasing to keep the braid flat, changing colors and — if there is time — finishing with a taper. After this class, you will be able to make any size of oval rug, from 2' X 3' to 8' X 10'.

Sessions: Tues AM for Part I; Tues PM2 for Part II; Wed PM1 for Part III

Cost: \$60

Kit fee: \$20

Prerequisites: None

Level: Newbie

Maximum Number of Students: 4

Available spots left: all

Folds: Left Opening

Finish at braid in: unlikely



Class: Rectangle: All-Butted

Instructors: Christine Manges

Class Description: Students will learn how to make a rectangular rug of either all-butted rows, OR a continuous rectangle, including the triple corner lacing sequences necessary to keep square corners. (This class is meant to get you ready for Christine's Multistrand around a Rectangle, if desired).

2 Continuous Sessions: Tues PM1 for Part I; Wed PM1 for Part II

Cost: \$40

Prerequisites: It is helpful to know how to butt; if you don't know how to butt, you're going to learn in class!

Level: Intermediate

Maximum number of students: 15

Minimum number of students: 3

Available spots left: all

Finish at braid in: unlikely



Class: Braided Pincushion Jar

Instructor: Bobbi Mahler

Class Description: Another braiding project that you can complete this weekend. Confident beginners to experienced Braiders will find satisfaction in this project. But you only need to be a confident beginner to enjoy this class. The knowledge from this class will give you the ability to make a useful and pretty Pincushion. Learning the 9-loop center will give you the skills to start an all braided round rug, basket or Killer Chair pad; you can make Christmas wreath pins and start braided hexagons as well. A little project that can lead to so much more if you want it to!

2 Continuous Sessions: Tuesday PM2 and Wednesday PM2

Cost: \$40

Kit Fee: \$12 (wool — you can select your colors – mason jar, linen cording, direction booklet)

Prerequisites: able to braid and lace. No knowledge of butting required.

Level: Confident Beginner

Folds: Teacher is RO but teaches both RO and LO

Maximum number of students: 10

Minimum number of students: 3

Available spots left: all

Finish at braid in: Yes

Supplies Needed: Regular braiding supplies.



Class: Braided Footstool

Instructor: Christine Manges & Kris McDermet

Class Description: If you can braid a basket – continuous or butted – then you can make a braided cover for a foot stool. Use a braided chair pad, or a hooked round center, or other needlework for the top; attach braided rows (butted or continuous) to cover the sides of the foot stool. The last braided row will tuck under the plywood base of the foot stool. To cover most of the upholstery staples, a final gathering row of lacing cord is laced through the lowest braid loops. Complete the foot stool at home by painting the unfinished feet to match your braids.

Note: the flower design above will NOT be taught in class; this was just a flower chair pad that the instructor had to start with, and then added the sides on for the foot stool.

The foot stool will come preassembled, but the assembly steps will be demonstrated in class, if you would like to make one of your own.

For continuous braiders, we will discuss the best ways to manage continuous patterns on the footstool sides at the row change sites.

2 Continuous Sessions: Thursday AM and PM1 (morning & early afternoon).

Cost: \$40

Kit Fee: \$80 The supplies: 18" round cut plywood base, 4 unfinished legs with hanger bolts, 4 sets hardware for the base, 3" or 6" of firm-density foam, foam adhesive spray, upholstery grade padding, staple-gun staples, and upholstery fabric.... cost \$75 and the additional \$5 is for labor: cutting and shaping the foam, attaching foam to base, covering with padding and upholstery fabric and stapling it in place.

Prerequisites: Must have made a round chair pad or basket or rug before.

Level: Confident Beginner

Folds: Instructors are LO but can teach both LO & RO

Maximum number of students: 15

Minimum number of students: 5

Available spots left: all

Finish at braid in: Probably not



Class: Wool Applique Candle Mat

Instructor: Janice Sonnen

Class Description: Working with a pre-cut kit, learn the basics of wool applique and embroidery to make this sweet candle mat. Learn to embroider blanket stitch, vertical fly stitch on the petals, and French knots. Techniques for cutting wool fabric, layering, and finishing will be discussed.

One, 2-hour Session: Wednesday PM2

Cost: \$20

Kit Fee: \$16 includes all the pre-cut wool, embroidery needle, and thread that you will need for this project.

Prerequisites: None

Maximum: 12 students

Minimum: 5 students

Finish at braid in: Yes.



Class: Multistrand Border for a Rectangle

Instructors: Christine Manges (LO) and Bobbi Mahler (RO)

Class Description: (There is no need to have a rectangular center completed prior to this class). This class will cover important topics about braiding a multistrand border for a square or rectangle. We'll learn how to identify the pivot strand for a corner, how to braid and lace a corner, how to keep even tension, identifying "sets" within a multistrand braid and how to keep them matched on short sides

and long sides, and what to do when a large multistrand pattern simply won't fit symmetrically around a rug. Different multistrand patterns will be explored — some are easier to place around rectangles than others. We also will review and work on butting the braid by the new & improved butting method: the Diagonal Butt.

Two Continuous Sessions: Thursday AM (Part I) and Thursday PM1 (Part II)

Cost: \$40

Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: Helps to have braided a multistrand before, but not necessary.

Folds: Teachers will be present with both folds.

Maximum number of students: 8 LO and 8 RO

Minimum number of students: 5

Available spots left: all

Finish at braid in: Possibly — border only.