



Spider Trivet and Chair Pad

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Just in time for Halloween... braid and lace a trivet with spider and web!
These instructions are Left Opening.

Braid Level: Intermediate: must have taken a prior class involving braiding and lacing on a curve.

Class #1: Center braided and laced out to Row 4

Homework: Finish braiding and lacing the first 4 rows. Make a T-Start for the Black Braid and braid to loop #48, then clamp.

Class #2: Black Braid: Lace on the new black braid (Row 5), skipping every 5th loop.

Colored braid: Make double corners for the colored braid's jump to Row 6; braid six loops then make double corners. Pin crossover loops of the double corners to every 6th loop of Row 5's black braid.

Homework: Lace on Row 6 (colored braid with double corners). Stop about 5 loops before the Row Change marker. Clamp.

Class #3: Braid Row 7 (black) to jump from Row 5 to Row 7 with a double corner. Braid 8 loops, triple corner, and repeat. After the 8th triple corner, braid a few more loops and clamp. Pin black crossover loops to Loop 2 of the double corners in the row below. Lace on the black braid, skipping the crossover loops. Stop about 5 loops before the Row Change marker. Clamp.

Homework: Read up on how to make a blunt ending.

Class #4: Make two blunt endings, in the colored braid and the black braid. Finish lacing and stab-lace them into place. Steam press with a damp pressing cloth. Glue on the spider* and a ¼-inch wide strip of black over the Row Changes to diminish their visibility (the strip serves as a web-string by which the spider hangs).

**Teacher will send each student a felt spider, if desired.*

Skills:

- T-Start
- Straight braiding, braiding double- and triple-corners
- Lacing braids together
- Increasing on curves by skipping loops
- Adding a second braid to a rug
- Lacing corners onto corners
- Blunt Endings
- Stab-Lacing Blunt Endings to the row below

Supplies needed:

- ½ yard Light- or Medium-colored wool; can be a mix of related colors. Tear into strips (instructor uses 1.5" wide strips) and roll up around a rubber band
- ½ yard Black wool, torn into strips and rolled up
- Lacing needle (Braidkin) and lacing cord
- #16 tapestry needle for splicing lacing cord
- Hemostat (5-6" with straight tips) or needle-nose pliers (jewelry-type)
- Sewing needle and thread
- Braid Clamp or Stand
- Clothespin (working end clamp)
- Safety pins
- Sewing Scissors
- Thimble and reading glasses if needed
- Aleene's Felt Glue or hot glue gun (to glue on spider and web)