

Beaded Jewelry

Class 2, Session A: Thursday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Class will be taught in person and via Zoom by instructor in classroom

Instructor / Designer: Marian Vavra

Designation for Project Use:

This project is based upon traditional plaits/designs. They are in public domain. Marian Vavra gives NAWW members full use of the project.

Instructors Comments:

Making jewelry with straw is fun and easy to do and pairing beads with the plait adds color and texture. This project uses five-straw and seven-straw flat plaits with glass beads that are turned into jewelry. This is a good beginner/intermediate jewelry class.



Size of Project:

Necklace is 5" long, 3" wide, 1/4" deep.
Each earring is 2" long, 1 1/4" wide, 3/8" deep.

Skill Level: Open

Specific plaits, techniques, skills you need to know: None

What will be taught in class:

Five-straw flat plait – checkerboard PD
Seven-straw flat plait (a.k.a. Dunstable plait) PD
Necklace and earring construction

Specific parts of the project to be completed before coming to class:

This is a plaiting class in which Marian will teach and refresh the students how to make the five and seven-straw flat plait. Then she will teach how to add beads and create the jewelry. So, if one knows how to do these plaits, they can practice before class.

Suggested Wheat: Good plaiting straw. Marian uses Kansas hard red winter wheat: Larned, Bob Dole, and Zenda varieties.

Straw needed:

*30 (24+6 extra), matched, 1st joint straw (no heads) with very narrow diameters to fit through 6/0 sized seed beads. The straw length needs to be at least 9" long.

Other supplies by instructor:

- * 40 +/-, 6/0 glass seed beads, color of choice
- * Necklace chain (nickel free) – 20"
- * Jewelry findings

For the necklace - 2 ribbon crimp ends or 2 fold-over leaf bails, 4 split jump rings, clasp and tab.

For the earrings - 2 cap bails, 2 split jump rings, 2 posts with backs.

Supplies to bring:

Aleene's Original Tacky Glue, thread

Tools – 2 needle nose pliers or forceps

Material Kit: Cost: \$15

Extra Kits - none

If offered, kits are required for in person attendees. Zoom participants must obtain the supplies on their own. Kits include items above marked with an *