

The Tudor Rose Mordiford

Class 18, Session F: Saturday 1:30-5:00 PM

Instructor/Author of instructions: Marian Vavra

Project designer: Mr. Norman Davies

Artist's designation for the project: This project is based on the traditional Mordiford design that is in the public domain. Mr. Norman Davies' 2005 variation is presented here with his written permission as he wishes our NAWW members all the best. Our members have full use of The Tudor Rose Mordiford.

Instructor's comments: In the fall of 2005, I was visiting Veronica Main in England and we went to the Guild of Straw Craftsmen's National Conference at Ross on Wye, near Hereford. It was a lovely weekend and I remember sharing some of my favors with the members including Norman Davies. A month later I received a gift from him called 'a simple' Mordiford with Tudor Roses. He included a delightful writing of the meanings the roses, color and the heart had in his area.

Norman wrote: *Your rose and favour are in a place of safety and display in our home. Thank you again, and as you say one favour deserves another.*

This is the story he tells:

*Please accept our simple Mordiford with the Tudor roses, the red is for the House of Lancaster and the white is the House of York. Henry Tudor was beheaded in Hereford Town Centre but his descendants went on to govern through his sons and later, Henry VIII's children Edward, Mary and Queen Elizabeth I. Mordiford is a simple little village, one church, one school, one post office and one pub. It's on the River Lugg 4 miles on down from us. **Norman Davies, Moreton on Lugg, Herefordshire 2005***

Size of project: H 4 ½" x L 3" x D 1 ½"

Skill level: Beginner/Intermediate

Pre-requisites: Marian would like students to have plaited before—even just a three straw braid or a four straw compass plait.

To be taught in class: Arrow plait, two straw rose

What needs to be done BEFORE class: Soak all straws before class. Practice tying the clove hitch knot followed with a surgeon's knot if the student is familiar with them.

Suggested kinds of wheat for the project: Good plaiting wheat, Marian uses Larned and Turkey Red wheat grown in Kansas.

Straws needed for the project:

14 matched straw 16-18" long, with heads to be cut off after plaiting

2 plaiting straws, dyed red for roses*

2 plaiting straws, natural for roses*

Other supplies needed for the project: 12 " of white grosgrain ribbon, 1/8" wide*, 6"-#22 green floral wire*

Class kit: \$2.00 (includes starred items) **Students need to supply their own 14 plaiting wheat straws.**

