

Summer Breeze ©2016

Class 9, Session C: Friday 8:00-11:30 AM

Instructor/Designer: Beth Robbins Keller

Instructor's Comments:

I love Swiss Lace and I have designed a unique combination of different Swiss Lace straw thread techniques and different spreuer techniques. I hope this provides inspiration for you to try your own designing.

Size of Project: 5" x 7"

Skill level : Intermediate

Pre-requisites: This is NOT a beginner Swiss Lace class. Students MUST know how to tie the Swiss Lace Weaver's Knot and must have experience making 2 needle roses (daisies) , 3 needle roses and spreuers.

What will be taught in class: Swiss Lace: how to make 2 needle roses in 3 different ways, how to make 3 needle roses in 3 different ways, 1 thread horseshoe, 2 needle wantele, 1 thread bulrush, veined leaf spreuer, curly spreuer, Fleur de Leis spreuer, left sided curly spreuer, right sided curly spreuer, making straw knots to use as flower centers, assembling pieces on a mat board.



What needs to be done before coming to class: The key to Swiss Lace is practice. Practice the techniques listed in the pre-requisites. Try the weaver's knot using cord or thick string so you are not using straw threads for practice. Your straw splits don't have to be exactly 1/8" wide to practice your basic spreuer. Save all the pieces you have made in practice and bring them with you, no matter what they look like. That way we can figure out what to do if your pieces are not turning out right.

Weaver's Knot NAWW PD 1st addition pg. 225, 2 needle rose/daisy NAWW PD 1st addition pg.244, 3 needle rose NAWW PD 1st addition pg.241, Basic spreuer NAWW PD 1st addition pg. 226.

Suggested Wheat: Bleached/ natural rye straw for spreuers. I buy my rye straw from "The StrawShop" CA, Kansas straw for spun threads.

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Other supplies by instructor:

- *22 spun straw threads,
- * 14 – 1/8" wide rye straw splits,
- * 6 straw ends about 6" long for making flower centers,
- *1 – 1/4" straw marquetry circle,
- *2 – 1/4" manila file folder circles,
- * 5" x 7" mat board,
- *5" x 7" graph paper template,
- *needle to help thread spreuers.

Supplies to bring: Dog tooth comb (12 tines = 1") (if you have a dog tooth comb with a different tine measurement, we can adjust the pattern to fit your comb). 3/2 Swiss Lace tool with 1/8" between needles, Swiss Lace 2 and 3 needle tool with 1/4" between needles (can be a cork with 3 needles or a wooden holder), apprx. 12 small clothes pins –or larger clothespins, Tacky glue- I use Fast Grab, low temperature hot glue and gun, pencil with eraser, fat tapestry needle to make the bulrush, tweezers, ruler, small needle nose jewelry pliers if you have them, clear tape or Blue masking tape, container for soaking threads and splits.

Instructor note: I will have some 3/2 needle tools, needles 1/8" apart and combs available to use in class or to purchase. I will have a few 2 needle tools with 1/4" spacing between needles but I will not have the larger 3 needle tools with the 1/4" spacing between needles. Contact Beth if you have questions about the tools.

Materials Kit: Cost: \$23 Phone No. (651) 380-3922 email: bethrkeller@hotmail.com

Kits are required if offered. Includes * items above.

Additional kits available—with prior notice by March31