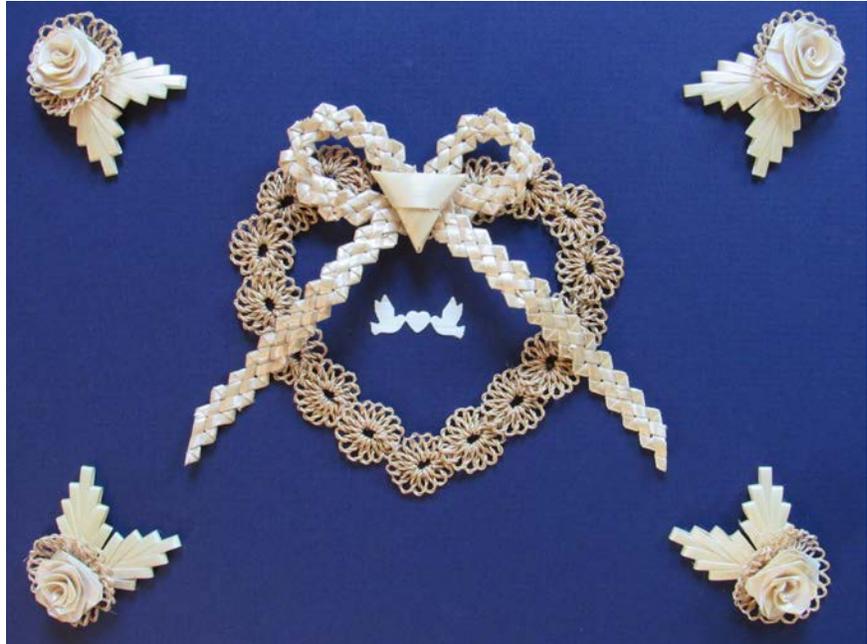# To Love, Honor, and Cherish © 2001

Class 2, Session A, Thursday 8:00-11:30

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Size of Project: 8" x 10"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Pre-requisites: experience making 2 needle and 3 needle Swiss Lace roses, experience making spreuers,

What will be taught in class: how to start a design using graph paper, 3 pointed star, 1 straw rose, (4 straw rustic plait if not done before class), *REFRESH* Swiss Lace 2 needle daisy/rose, 3 needle rose, spreuers

What needs to be done before class: Plait *16" of ¼"-3/8" wide, 4 straw rustic plait*. Plait directory pages 153-154. You will need approx. 20 small-medium sized straws, 12-14" long, no heads, of soft, easily plaited straw to make the length of 4 straw rustic plait. I get all the butt/wide ends together on the table and cut off the TOP several inches. By cutting this part of the straws off, you are not having to use the narrowest part of the straw and your plait will be more even. When you have at least 1" of straw left, that is your next working straw, I add a straw on the horizontal move. **Trim the ends of added and discarded straws to approximately ¼"-½". DO NOT trim straw ends close to the plait.** That will be done **AFTER** the bow is made and completely dry.

Straws needed for project: 20 small-medium straws, 12" -14" long, no heads, for the rustic plait

Other supplies needed: *27 Swiss straw threads, *8-1/8" wide, 14" straw splits for spreuers, *4-1/2"-3/8" wide splits for 1 straw roses, *1-12" flattened straw,

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1/4" wide for 3 pointed star, *straw marquetry punch of 2 doves with heart, *8" x 10" dark blue mat board, *template for mat board, *hard plastic heart stencil, 3/2 Swiss lace needle tool, dog tooth comb (12 tines per inch), fast grab tacky glue, low temp hot glue, school glue stick, pinning board and pins, ruler, blue painters tape, small brayer to mill the rustic plait, tweezers, at least 2" long needle with blunt end, needle nose pliers, *5" piece of bamboo skewer

Comments: Numerous times over the past years, the idea has been mentioned that we all have great designs that we personally have made or that have been taught by others in the past. That is what brought this design to my mind. I designed this piece as a wedding gift for a young lady who watched my kids over the years and was also a family friend. I made it one time for her wedding gift and now I share it with you.

(If you would like a different color mat board, please contact me by April 8.) Also, if you are planning to put your project in a shadow box or other type of frame, I suggest you try to purchase the frame prior to April 8 in case you need a different size mat board. SOMETIMES, the mat board needs to be slightly larger/smaller to fit different types of frames. This is something that has happened to me. Please contact me if you have any questions about the mat board size and color. **I will not have other mat board color options or be able to adjust the mat board size at convention.)**

Materials Kit: *27 Swiss straw threads, * 8 straw splits for spreuers, *4 straw splits for 1 straw rose, * 1 straw split for 3 pointed star, *straw marquetry punch of 2 doves with heart, * 8" X 10" blue mat board, *template for mat board, *hard plastic stencil heart, *5" piece of bamboo skewer

*Class Kit Cost: $28.00
(I will have lengths of 16" rustic plait available for purchase. The length of plait will be an additional $8.00.)

Kits are required if offered.

Extra class kits will also be available, you **MUST** contact me by **April 8**.

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A hint for those making their own rustic plait for this class. Tape and wrap dried plait around a cardboard paper towel center, I use blue painter's tape. (Pinning board in photo is 1" squares.)