

# Bells with Decoration©

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**Designation for Project Use:**

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**Instructor's Comments:**

The idea to create a collection of unique Christmas tree ornaments came from my childhood memories. I still remember those ornaments made of paper and cardboard with the warmest feelings. The bells can be used as a Christmas tree ornament or as an element of an interior decoration.

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Size of Project:** 5" x 7.5"

**Prerequisites:** None

**Prework:** None

**Techniques Taught in Class:**

Students will learn Belarusian techniques to weave different elements, as well as a two-sided leaf, and how to put them together to finish the project. Depending on student's ability, training, and speed, options are provided.

**Straws Needed:**

\*Rye straw: 70 pieces. Approximately 50 straws should be from the first joint 20-24 inches long.

**Supplies Needed:**

General wheat weaving supplies; Swiss straw threads; PVA glue and glue brush.

\*Piece of ribbon for bow

**Kit:** \$12.00 - contains all starred (\*) items in Straws and Supplies lists.

**Available for Purchase:**

Raisa has a particular knife that she uses to cut the rye straw. The knife has a wooden handle and a 1/2" blade, which is set at an angle that cuts the straw precisely. You can use an Exacto knife with some success. Cost of the knife is \$20.00.

If you would like to order, contact Dianne Gardner at [dianne\\_gardner@yahoo.com](mailto:dianne_gardner@yahoo.com) or (785) 794-2464.

