

Friendship Journal

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Designation for Project Use:

This project is a traditional design in the public domain so members have full use.

Instructor's Comments:

Mixed fiber art continues to intrigue me. I pour over ideas in the *Cloth•Paper•Scissors* magazine I subscribe to and find decorating journals as a way to explore various techniques. When I came across a cross stitch kit at Tuesday Morning, I immediately thought of using straw threads instead of the embroidery floss in the predrilled cover. It works! Of course, I needed to add fabric and beads to finish the journal. So, I present this project as a way to explore and develop your own *Friendship Journal!*

Skill Level: Open

Size of Project: 8" x 4.5" x 1"

Prerequisites: 5- and 7-straw Flat Plaits; Braiding; +Two-needle Rose (see Available in Class).

Prework: None

Techniques Taught in Class:

Designing and developing a mixed media journal using straw, straw thread, fabric, and beads. Cross stitching using straw threads. Review of Two-needle Rose.

Straws Needed:

- *5 or 7 straws with matched diameters without heads - 12" to 14" long
- *20 antique straw threads from Switzerland

Supplies Needed:

General wheat weaving supplies; Aleene's Original Tacky Glue[®]. If you know the Two-needle Rose, please bring the tool to make them.

*Aztec Monogram Small Journal Cross Stitch Kit from Dimensions (72-74094 or 184094) which includes five colors of embroidery floss; *Scrap of fabric 8" to 9" square; *12-20 seed beads; *1 Glass step faceted bead 4 mm.

Kit: \$25.00 - contains all starred (*) items in Straws and Supplies lists.

Available in Class:

A finished Two-needle Rose will be provided for the project if the student doesn't already know this technique.

