

Blooming Love[©]

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Instructor's Comments:

I designed this tree topper for a Christmas Tree that my art club students were making for the 2017 Kennedy Krieger Institute's Festival of Trees. In the past we have made ornaments and decorated many trees for Hospice, but since they discontinued the Hospice festivals, I looked for another festival. I wanted easy projects for the middle schoolers, so I chose hearts and flowers and entitled it "Blooming Love." As soon as I posted this picture, someone wanted to buy it!



Skill Level: Intermediate

Size of Project: 8.5" x 10"

Prerequisites: 6-straw Fill-the-Gap plait

Prework: Make twelve 5" lengths of 6-straw Fill-the-Gap plaits.

Techniques Taught in Class:

Twining; Making straw points; Project assembly

Straws needed:

96 medium straws without heads approximately 16" + long

30-60 large second joint soft straws

42 medium straws without heads 12" long

Supplies Needed:

General wheat weaving supplies; Manila colored cardstock; Glue; Sewing needle; Mini clothespins; Hindenburg or other flattening tool.

Kit: None. Plastic or metal ring (1.5" diameter) and wires (3 pieces 20-gauge wire, 6½") will be provided.