

# Teatime Centerpiece



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**Instructor's Comments**

*Thinking about Peggy Wilcut and a class I took on making Lily Flowers inspired me to create this project. Funny how a memory sparks into something larger. Thank you Peggy for sharing your projects.*

**Skill Level**

Intermediate

**Finished Size**

H 8" x W 7" x D 7"

## Straws Needed

- ◆ 40-60 straws various lengths (no heads)
- ◆ 10-15 straws 3" - 4" long\*
- ◆ 12" of your choice scandi or other pieces of scrap prepared flat plait 1½"-2" lengths. 12-15mm diameter\*
- ◆ Variety of ready-made wheat flowers and leaves in various sizes, styles, and types

## Other Supplies Needed

- ◆ One ceramic teacup and saucer\*
- ◆ One 6" flat metal piece (aluminum), ¾" or ½" wide width (this can be substituted with a flat metal spoon, measuring around 6" long)\*
- ◆ Three 20 or 18 gauge floral stem wires\*
- ◆ E-6000 glue\*\*
- ◆ Hot glue (industrial strength or Gorilla glue stick preferred)\*\*
- ◆ Wire cutters
- ◆ 2 pliers (to bend metal/spoon)\*\*
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Straw thread

## Class Kit:

**\$15.00** Includes:

Ready to use teacup and saucer plus items above marked with asterisk. Students are encouraged to bring their own cup and saucer to learn how to assemble, however they will not be able to decorate them in class due to the 24-48-hour curing time of the glue. Bubble wrap will be provided to each student for safe packaging of your teacup assembly.

\*\* Available to use from the instructor.



### **What will be taught in class:**

This class is about the creation of the teacup itself. First hour of the class will be on the construction methods of the teacup & saucer base and the floral arrangement with the remainder of class time creating various flowers and leaves as time permits.

Various basic weaving techniques to be taught to create flowers and leaves including iris flower with 5-straw flat plait with corner; checkerboard flower; 5- and 6- straw spiral flowers; tassel flower filler. Various leaves: pine needle leaf; Welsh fan leaf; Belarus leaf.

### **Students should know:**

- Basic wheat weaving spiral

### **Pre-class work:**

- I would encourage students to bring a wide variety of pre-made flowers between 1"-3" and leaves for ready assembly.

### **Number of class sessions:**

- Two

*Note: 1<sup>st</sup> Session is mandatory and 2<sup>nd</sup> Session is optional*