

# Plaited Straw Star with Wheat Head Catherine Wheel

## ZOOM Class

**Instructor/Designer:** Jill McCullough.

**Designation for Project Use:** The Catherine Wheel is based on Doris Johnson's circular Arabic Cage design from *The Complete Book of Straw Craft and Corn Dollies* by Doris Johnson and Alec Coker. The original artist retains full rights on their project/copyright project. NAWW members must obtain written permission from the artist to use the project other than for person use.

**Instructor's Comments:** I had plaited a star out of paper roping using a variation of the Belarusian leaf plait that I used for the seat of the Penny Farthing project for the 2024 NAWW Convention. I thought it would make up lovely in straw, but I switched to the one-sided leaf design for this project. It turned out even prettier!

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

### Size of Project:

7" x 7" x 1" depth

**Prerequisites:** Belarusian leaf

### Techniques Taught in Class:

Arabic Cage using Catherine Wheel design by Doris Johnson from *The Complete Book of Straw Craft and Corn Dollies*.

### Suggested Wheat for Project:

Good plaiting straw.

### Straws Needed:

At least 35 straws with matched length heads, 4" length of straw. 40-50 straws no heads with matching diameters. The larger the diameter, the larger the star will be.

### To be completed before class:

Sort at least 35 wheat straws with heads of matching lengths. Leave 4" of straw on each.  
Sort 40-50 straws (no heads) with matching diameters.  
Bring all straws and heads damp to class.

### Supplies Needed:

Tapestry or curved needle, Typical straw workers "kit" (scissors, thread, etc.). Pinning Board, T-pins or Quilt Pins, Tweezers

### Additional Information about the Project:

Instructor will provide tie material, ring to create wheat head wheel around, wire.

**Kit:** None.

