

Didukh

Traditional Ukrainian Wheat Sheaf

ZOOM Class

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Designation for Project Use: The Didukh is a traditional Ukrainian wheat sheaf and is based on traditional plaits and designs that are in the public domain. Instructor grants full use of the project to NAWW members.

Instructor's Comments: Didukh – a beautiful and symbolic wheat sheaf traditionally made for Christmas in Ukraine. Didukh, meaning 'grandfather,' represents the spirit of the ancestors and brings their blessings into the home. As the saying goes, "Didukh in the house, trouble out of the house."

Skill Level: Open

Size of Project:

18" x 6" x 3.5" depth

Prerequisites:

Rustic plait.

Two-straw plait.

Pework: None.

Techniques Taught in Class:

Construction of the didukh.

Suggested Wheat for Project:

Rye (wheat) straws with heads

Straws Needed:

117 pcs of rye or wheat straw with heads. 17 inches long.

10 oat straws. 10 flax straws.

20 straws without heads 8 inches long.

7 straws without heads 5 inches long.

Supplies Needed:

Scissors. Thread. Sewing needle. Jute cord.

2 push pins. Red embroidery (or crochet) thread.

Kit: None.

