

# Mini Swiss Lace Tree

**Instructor/Designer:** Beth Robbins Keller

**Designation for Project Use:** The Mini Swiss Lace Tree project is based on traditional plaits/designs that are in the public domain. NAWW members have full use of the project.

**Instructor's Comments:** This little Christmas tree has so many possibilities but for this class, we are focusing on Swiss Lace. It is an open class, everyone is welcome. If you have something you would like me to show you, other than what's listed, I will do my best to help you. This little tree could have a garland, a string of miniature lights, small woven straw pieces, the ideas are endless!

**Skill Level:** Beginner

**Size of Project:** 12" x 6"

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Prework:** A 2 1/2" x 4" piece of natural straw marquetry, on manila file folder, to cut 2 tree top stars from, straw applied on one side only. The direction of the straw does not matter; you will be able to turn the stars to find what direction pleases you when gluing them to your tree.

## Techniques Taught in Class:

- Weaver's Knot
- Looped Needle Rose (Plait Insert)
- Basic Spreuer
- Wantele
- Bulrush
- Two Needle Daisy (Rose)

## Suggested Wheat for Project:

- Rye straw for straw splits, Spun straw threads

**Straws Needed:** N/A.

## Supplies Needed:

- Fast Grab Tacky Glue
- Low temp hot glue
- 3/2 needle tool
- Dog tooth comb
- Round pencil with eraser,
- Wire cutters
- Needle nose pliers
- Ruler
- Pinning board and pins
- Small clothespins



**Kit:** \$33.00. The kit includes:

\*12" tall mini artificial Christmas tree, with a 7 ½" square of material to cover the base, the material is tightly secured with a rubber band.

\*Pattern for tree top star, you will be cutting 2 from your straw marquetry.

\*6/0 red seed bead, 2 dozen.

\*Gold metallic thread,

\*Needle for gold thread.

\*36"-1/8" red Offray ribbon for straw bows.

\*35 straw threads.

\*30 straw splits, 1/8" wide, 12"-15" long.

\*Sinew, for tying spreuers together.

\*Cork with a 3" fat needle.

\*Toothpicks for spreading glue on Swiss Lace elements.

\*Two-1/2" circles punched out of card stock to stabilize your flower with 2-needle rose center and seed beads.

\*Two-1/4" circles punched out of card stock to stabilize your 5-spreuer flowers.

**Additional Information About Project:**

I will have extra dog tooth combs and 3/2 needle tools available for use in class. They will be available for purchase.

I will not be offering extra class kits, but I will have extra Christmas trees available for \$7.00 each.

Please contact me by April 15, 2026, if you are interested.

Phone: 1-651-380-3922. Email: [bethrkeller@hotmail.com](mailto:bethrkeller@hotmail.com)