

S-Swirl and Straw Covered Hair Stick

Session E, Saturday, 8:30-12:00

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Designation for Project Use: Full use of the project is granted to NAWW members.

Instructor's Comments: Linda Beiler wore a similar hair ornament at a NAWW Convention. I do not know the origin, but with some trials, I made one that works brilliantly. I also experimented and made a hair stick to secure the S-Swirl. It has a straw covered wire and a straw ribbon wrapped bead.

Skill Level: Open

Size of Project: 3" x 6½" x 2¼"

Prerequisites: Clove hitch knot

Prework: Clean the straw (remove heads, leaves and joint nodes). Leave one joint node attached to the straw to be used for the hair stick. Be sure straw is soaked and pliable before class.

Techniques Taught in Class:

5-straw spiral plait

Straw ribbon wrapped bead

Straws Needed: Softer variety (Larned, Scout, or Pronghorn)

*Plaiting straws: 60-70 straws, 16" long, using 1st joint.

*Wire covered straw: 1 straw 5"-7" long (3/32" -1/8" diameter), 2nd joint with the joint node intact

*Straw for straw ribbons to wrap a bead: 1-3 straws for splits (1/16" or 2mm or narrower)

Supplies Needed:

Basic straw kit (thread, needle, snipper scissors, spray bottle, scraper, Aleene's tacky glue, bees wax)

*Small piece of sand paper (fine-medium grit)

*Galvanized wire, uncoated, 30" 16 gauge

Gloves (if your hands get sore)

Wire cutter

Flat iron (hair) for making straw ribbons (purchased from a thrift shop)

*Wooden bead, ½" (12 mm) diameter with a ¼" diameter hole

Kit: \$20 (Kit contains items marked with *)

OR \$5 (bead, sand paper, galvanized wire, straw ribbons)

