

Braided Basketmaking Workshop

About the Class

You will make a Circular Braided Basket with instructor Bobbi Mahler. Basket size is about 12.5" diameter, 4.5" sidewall, with two 5" handles. (Can be larger or smaller.)

Dates Times

Live and In Person! (not on Zoom)
Three Saturdays: July 8, 15, and 29,
from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location

Session 1, July 8 at Bobbi Mahler's Studio,
17 Rock Garden Estates, Belgrade, 207-242-3151, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
July 15 and 29 Session 2 and 3 at Maine Fiberarts,
13 Main Street, Topsham, 207-449-8573, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Supplies to Bring

Lacing Thread (woven cotton; 6- or 7-strand)	Farberware Multipurpose Clips, 2-inch
Standard Straight Pins (1.5")	Clothespins
Safety Pins (medium size)	C-Clamp, Hand Clamp, or Braiding Stand
Needle, thread and Scissors	Wool (estimate 3-4 yards, Oxford weight)

Session 1: Design

We'll meet at Bobbi's studio to look at our wool, discuss tools, see examples, and design our basket. Bring samples of your own medium- to heavy-weight wool, or plan on purchasing some from Bobbi or from another source (\$10-25/yard). We estimate 3-4 yards. (Skirt-weight wool is too thin; coat- or blanket-weight, too heavy; Oxford-weight works best). Weights of all wool used for this basket must be similar.

Session 2: Braiding

Learn how to form the T-shape to start a good center. Learn how to fold the fabric, use tools, and form a continuous braid. We'll have two weeks at home to form a long braid.

Session 3: Lacing and Finishing

Learn how to use a needle and lacing thread to shape the continuous braid into a basket. Learn how to make handles, steam the basket, and make finishing touches.

Fee

\$100 Maine Fiberarts' members; \$125 nonmembers; 6 people maximum
Payable to Maine Fiberarts, 13 Main Street, Topsham, ME 04086, 207-449-8573

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