

BASKETWEAVING WITH RECYCLING

Tutor: Jann French, *BA (hons)*

This workshop will introduce you to coil stitching - one of the classic methods of basket weaving. You can use this method to work with traditional natural materials (grasses, vines, rushes, seaweed and such like) but today we are going to make it easy and not-scary for you by using junky materials.

Suitable for people with no experience.

These baskets can be made from ordinary plastic shopping bags, string, rope, wool, plastic tubing, material, wire, newspaper, magazines, leather, cut up milk cartons, ribbon - the list is endless; anything basically that's flexible.

You can also weave or sew in bits and bobs to add interest to your contemporary creation. Things like beads, buttons, bells, ring-pulls from cans, little plastic toys, washers, shells, etc.

Today's fun lies in learning how to make a basket and become inspired to put all kinds of found materials and waste to good use in creating colourful contemporary baskets.

Notes and materials will be supplied - you don't have to bring anything but definitely do bring along any materials, stuff, junk and doo-dahs that you have lying around to use yourself or share around.



Maximum Students: 12

About Jann French:

I am a maker of footwear, ceramics, art, sculpture, baskets, books, raw food, woollies, other stuff and round things. My degree is in ceramics. I have worked as a film editor, potter, sculptor, carpenter, teacher, decorator, cleaner, SCUBA instructor, events organiser, arts administrator, community art centre manager and book-keeper. I volunteer on committees, at co-ops, music festivals and organic farms. Born in England, now an Australian citizen. I've also lived in South Africa and studied in Israel.

I trained in art from my earliest school days. I can paint and draw but prefer working in 3-dimensions. Traditional trades and crafts really blow my hair back. I swoon at things well-made hand-made because I think they radiate more charm, heart, strength, meaning, usefulness, quality, depth, beauty, individuality etc. And essentially - I find handmade things much more enjoyable and comfortable to live with.

Workshops and Private Lessons:

I am available for private teaching, tutoring or coaching in pottery, sculpture, art, kiln firing, basket weaving, bookbinding and knitting.

I teach workshops on a variety of art and craft skills throughout the year. My services, workshops and lectures are available for hire by companies, schools and organisations as well as individuals.

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