

COURSE DETAILS – 3 DAYS 3D0115

TITLE: RUSH WEAVING

TUTOR: FELICITY IRONS

LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

AIMS OF COURSE:

The tutor will introduce you to using English rush, while learning the many techniques and possibilities including plaiting, knotting, pairing, stitching and more.

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE:

A wide variety of items can be made with this versatile material, you can anticipate going home with anything from a tablemat through to an area of floor matting, bathmat, a wide variety of baskets, hats or bags.

MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES COVERED:

The tutor supplies English bulrush for the course (see materials list for indication of cost).

Techniques include plaiting: 3-end, 5-end, 9-end up to 29-end plaiting, used for bags, baskets, floor matting and other items; knotting, roping; drying. Sewing for baskets and floor matting; and trimming.

TEACHING METHOD:

Practical demonstrations and hands-on experience while making projects.

EVENING SESSIONS:

First evening session – attendance is an essential part of the course:

The tutor gives an introduction to use of rushes in history and talks about her own business, Rush Matters, illustrated with images of harvesting the rushes.

Other optional evening activities:

The workshop is available until 10pm for students wishing to continue working, though these sessions are untutored.

GENERAL TIMETABLE: see overleaf for teaching times

STUDENT PREPARATION FOR COURSE IF ANY:

If you would like to make a basket to a specific shape, bring a suitable shape/mould to work around.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ON PRACTICAL COURSES YOU MAY WELL NEED TO PURCHASE MATERIALS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE TO COMPLETE PROJECTS

ADDITIONAL CHARGE:

On this course the tutor will supply all of the materials. This charge is unlikely to be more than £30 per student (although this is dependant on what you use) and should be paid to the **tutor** before the end of the course, by cash or cheque.

Please **BRING** the following items:

Scissors

Apron

Any moulds or forms that you may like to make a basket around.

COURSE TIMETABLE (unless otherwise stated above or agreed with the tutor during the course)

Course timetable for 2–9 day courses – each course starts with a welcome session on the first evening of the start date of the course and is followed by 2–9 days depending on the length of the course.

Arrival Day	From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students. Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner.
	7.00	Dinner.
	8.15–9.15	First teaching session.
Daily Timetable	9.15am	Morning classes.
	10.30	Coffee.
	12.45pm	Lunch.
	2.00pm	Afternoon classes.
	3.30	Tea.
	5.00	Classes finish.
	7.00	Dinner.
	8.15	Evening working – students may have evening access to certain workshops in the absence of their tutor, but only with their tutor's permission and provided it is safe to do so.
Departure – last day	10.00am	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms.
	3.00pm	Classes finish.
	3.30	Tea then departure.