

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID07653 RUSH BASKETMAKING – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: FELICITY IRONS

Date: 1 DAY FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Learn how to make mats and small baskets from English rush. Glimpse the beauty, flexibility and exciting possibilities of working with rush.

Starting with the basic techniques of making a tablemat, you will then continue with those techniques to a small basket. There will be a discussion on the harvesting, drying and preparation of the rush to gain the best from the material, alongside an introduction to the way the tutor harvests her own rush in Bedfordshire. Anticipate completing these two small pieces during the day.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS

Starting points. For those with little or no experience who want to go back to basics and would like a structured introduction to a subject.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Felicity Irons is a full-time rush weaver, having set up in business in 1992. She harvests the bulrush during the summer, is a rush merchant, and has had commissions from the National Trust and the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, New York.

TIMETABLE:

9.00–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch (included)
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
5.00pm	Classes finish

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Please bring any SMALL moulds – flower pot, biscuit tin to make a basket round if you have a particular basket shape in mind.

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

Materials included in the course fee:

The course fee includes the cost of the rush for the two projects offered.

Please bring:

Scissors
Apron
A water spray/mist bottle
Small moulds or forms that you may like to make a basket around
Essential – Please wear sturdy covered footwear in the workshop (health and safety requirement)

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.