

Note about class materials

Vladimir has gathered by hand all birch bark and roots in the dangerous Russian forest where he watches for big Russian bears. He cleans, prepares and cuts the bark to size as needed for the various weaving projects. The spruce roots he digs, scrapes and peels the bark away and splits into long pieces. Using a knife, he hand carves all wooden pieces such as the tops for the woven canister. He individually hand fits the tops to the students' baskets.

The width of strips for all weaving projects is 7/16" of inch (11 mm). The length depends of the project.

Note about class tools

Vladimir's special handmade Russian kostiks and special awls made of stainless steel for stitching roots (classes #6, #11) will be lent to students for use in classes. Each student **must** have scissors and knives to point and cut off of ends of birch bark strips; minimum **ten** Radio Shack 1 1/8 smooth clips (270-0373)



Additional for the projects #6, #11, **four** 2-inch pony clamps - **not** clothespins;



ruler to measure size of foundation of baskets.

Note about the projects

All projects are double woven constructions, which is traditional one for Russian birch bark weaving. Some projects are based on a strong Russian tradition. Other projects – a contemporary point of view on the traditionally used material in the technique of weaving.

Price for material: \$50 - 190 depends on project except mini-classes

Baskets

1. Two Square-to-Round Russian Birch Bark Baskets

All levels

3 ½" diam. x 2" high



Number of hours: 4

Materials fee: \$59

Learn how to weave the Russian way of diagonal plaiting and double-woven construction with these traditional baskets in a square-to-round design. Learn the basics of Russian diagonal plaiting, the foundation for more difficult baskets, and experience working with Russian white birch bark. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373).

Material:

23 strip – 16 inches (40 cm) length

2. Russian Birch Bark Oval Basket with Curls

All levels

3½" wide x 4½" long x 1 ½" high



Number of hours: 4

Materials fee: \$63

Learn how to weave a traditional Russian basket of white birch bark. Weaving techniques taught are diagonal plaiting and double-woven construction, and this is a good introduction for those who have not woven this way before. Finish this basket with curls in the Russian style. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373).

Material:

21 str. – 16 inches (40cm)

3. Russian Birch Bark Footed Oval Basket with Saw-tooth Rim

Intermediate

3 ½" wide x 4 ½" long x 2" high



Number of hours: 8

Materials fee: \$126

Learn how to weave a traditional Russian basket in white birch bark. Weaving techniques are diagonal plaiting and double-woven construction with added challenges—Russian-style curls, special saw-tooth rim and added feet. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373).

Material:

42 strips – 16 inches (40 cm)

4. Russian Birch Bark Tray

All levels

3 ½" wide x 4 ½" long x 1" high



Number of hours: 4

Materials fee: \$63

This little birch bark tray is perfect for those students who would like to work with the Russian materials but are intimidated by the diagonal plaiting. This is a straight weave but still includes the double-woven construction. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373).

Material:

21 strips – 16 inches (40 cm)

5. Russian Birch Bark Dish with curls

All levels

4 1/2" diameter x 1 1/2" high



Number of hours: 4

Materials fee: \$63

Learn a traditional Russian birch bark basket featuring diagonal plaiting and double-woven construction. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373).

Material:

21 strips – 16 inches 40 cm

6. Russian Birch Bark Canister with Curls

Intermediate/Advanced

4 1/2" high x 3" diameter



Number of hours: 12

Materials fee: \$170

The canister is double woven in the traditional Russian diagonal weave. The decorative rim is stitched in place with prepared spruce roots. The instructor individually fits the hand-carved wooden top. Prior experience with diagonal weaving highly recommended. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373) and four 2-inch pony clamps (**not** clothespins).

Material:

Strips – 30 strips – 19 inches (48 cm)

Root – 95 inches (2m 40 cm)

Outside strip – 10x1 inch (25x2,2 cm)

Inside strip – 8,5x5/8 inch (21x1,5 cm)

Lid: wood – Ø 3 inches (7,5 cm); 1 inch (2,5 cm) width

7. 5-Cornered Round Basket in Russian Birch Bark

Intermediate

4 1/4" diameter x 2 1/4" high



Number of hours: 8

Materials fee: \$82

A contemporary basket with a saw-tooth rim made with diagonal plaiting in an unusual method giving the basket a different look. It is double woven and finished with Russian style curls. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373).

Material:

26 strips – 43 cm (17 inches)

8. Wall Pouch in Russian Birch Bark

Intermediate

5" wide x 8 1/2" high x 1 1/4" deep



Number of hours: 8

Materials fee: \$114

This wall pouch is diagonally plaited and double woven using traditional Russian techniques. Decorative pinwheel-shaped curls add interest to its finished look. Russian kostik (awl) will be lent for student use in class. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373).

Material:

29 str. – 20,5 inches (52 cm)

9. “Ripples,” Contemporary Basket in Russian Birch Bark

Intermediate

3 5/8" diameter x 1 3/8" high



Number of hours: 4

Materials fee: \$66

This basket is made interesting and more challenging by the ripple effect of the sides that give it a modern look. It is a straight weave, not diagonal plaiting, double woven and decorated with pinwheel curls. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373).

Material:

21 str. – 17 inches (43 cm)

10. Oval Birch Bark Basket Stitched with Spruce Roots

Intermediate/Advanced

3" wide x 3 3/4" long x 2" high



Number of hours: 8

Materials fee: \$158

This is a beautiful basket, the foundation of which is a simple oval basket made with the traditional diagonal plaiting, double-woven technique. The challenge is the rim stitched with spruce root that is peeled and sized by hand. Careful stitching results in an elegant basket. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373) and four 2-inch pony clamps (**not** clothespins).

Material:

27 strips – 15 inches (38 cm) length.

Inside strip – 11x5/8 inch (28x1,5cm)

Outside strip – 13x1 inch (32x2,2cm) width

Root – 140 inches (320 cm)

11. Russian Peasant Shoes in Birch Bark

Intermediate

One shoe is 2" wide x 5" long x 1 3/4" high



Number of hours: 8

Materials fee: \$99

For doll or teddy bear, these are a small version of the shoes worn by Russian peasants. Many corners, diagonal weaving, double woven form a left and right shoe. A challenge!

Material:

32 str. – 16 inches (42 cm)

12. Corners and Pinwheels

Intermediate

3 ½” diameter x 2 ½” high



Number of hours: 6

Materials fee: \$82

This basket is made with diagonal plaiting and is double woven; after that its modern look takes over with feet, pinwheels and a saw-tooth rim. Altogether it adds up to a charming basket that will be a challenge to make.

Material:

26 strips – 17 inches (42 cm)

13. Square-to-Round Basket with Saw-tooth Rim and Curls

All levels

4 ¼” diameter x 2” high



Number of hours: 6

Materials fee: \$79

A brand-new class offering, this basket is woven in the traditional way: bias plaiting and double woven. The saw-tooth rim and curls add interest to this lovely basket. This is the foundation for the basket number 17 that follows. Special tools: Radio Shack 1 1/8" smooth clips (270-0373).

Material:

25 strips – 17 inches (42 cm)

14. Square-to-Round Basket — Three-dimensional Saw-tooth Rim.

Intermediate

5" diameter x 2 1/4" high



Number of hours: 6

Materials fee: \$88

A brand-new class offering, this basket starts the same as basket 14 above, but the rim is unique. Instead of a flat rim, this one has a three-dimensional saw-tooth.

Note: A combination class of baskets 14 and 15 would make a very interesting longer class.

Material:

28 strips – 17 inches (43 cm)

Objects #15-20 are special proposal for students who like to have a good challenge in weaving. Students can spend 4 hours to finish projects concerning their experience in weaving. The timing for these projects is very approximate. Students may choose one of three for this class.

15. Hen. A traditional Russian peasant shape: the sample in a museum is identified as Arkhangelsk province, 30th of XIX century.

Intermediate/Advanced

4 1/4" long x 2" wide x 3" high



Number of hours: 4

Materials fee: \$44

Material:

14 strips – 17 inches (42 cm)

16. Duck-shaped salt-cellar. A traditional Russian peasant shape: the sample in a museum is identified as Vologda province, the end of XIX century

Intermediate/**Advanced**

4" long x 1 3/4" wide x 3" high



Number of hours: 4

Materials fee: \$50

Material:

16 strips – 17 inches (42 cm)

17. Duck-shaped salt-cellar. A traditional Russian peasant shape: the sample in a museum is identified as North-West part of Russia, the end of XIX century

Intermediate/**Advanced**

4 1/4" long x 2 1/4" wide x 3" high



Number of hours: 4

Materials fee: \$47

Material:

15 strips – 17 inches (42 cm)

18. Dog. Contemporary Toy

Intermediate/**Advanced**

3½” long x 1 ¾” wide x 3 ¾” high



Number of hours: 5

Materials fee: \$49

Material:

15 strips – 17½ inches (44 cm)

19. Cat. Contemporary Toy.

Intermediate/**Advanced**

3½” long x 2” wide x 4¼” high



Number of hours: 5

Materials fee: \$49

Material:

15 strips – 17½ inches (44 cm)

20. Rabbit. Contemporary Toy.

Intermediate/**Advanced**

2 3/8” long x 1 3/4” wide x 2½” high



Number of hours: 3

Materials fee: \$35

Material:

11 strips – 15½ inches (40 cm)

21. Traditional Russian Peasant Basket.

All levels

4 ¾"x4x5 (with handle)



Number of hours: 8

Materials fee: \$109

A reduced version of Traditional Russian Peasant Basket gives students a chance to know about the mostly spread basket of birch bark in Russia.

Material:

34 strips – 45 cm length

22. Asymmetrical contemporary basket (1 strip apart)

Medium

3,5x2 ¾"



Number of hours: 6 Materials fee: \$57

A contemporary basket with intricate rim made with diagonal plaiting in an unusual method giving the basket a different look. It gives students a chance to play with shape.

Material:

20 strips 40 cm (16 inches) length

23. Asymmetrical contemporary basket (2 strips apart)

Medium

3,5x4



Number of hours: 6 Materials fee: \$ 77

A contemporary basket with interesting rim. Different places for corners on foundation of this basket give students a good challenge to create this interesting basket.

Material:

27 strips – 16 inches (40 cm) length

24. Bottle-shaped Basket with wooden lid.

All levels

2,5x2,5x4 ¾”



Number of hours: 6 Materials fee: \$75

Strait weaving baskets are not so often is met in Russian traditional birch bark weaving as diagonal weaving. In some museums in Russia it can be seen in different shapes.

Material:

Foundation 10 strips – 18 inches (45 cm)

Body 7 strips – 12 inches (30 cm)

Neck 4 strips – 9,5 inches (24 cm)

Body to finish 19 strips – 1- inches (26 cm)

Wooden piece for lid – 2x2x1 inches (5x5x2,5 cm)

25. Hedgehog.

Intermediate/Advanced

6,5x4x3 1/4"



Number of hours: 8 Material fee: \$117

This interesting contemporary basket was created with one of my students and basket weavers loved it.

Total: **Material:**
47 strips – 35 length

26. Folded basket.

All levels

Dimension: 4 diam x1/2 high inches.



Number of hours: 4 Materials fee: \$60

Traditional Russian basket. You can find it in the North-West part of Russia (Vologda, Arkhangelsk provinces, Karelia republic). It is a good challenge to try to weave this basket with “unusual folded rim.

Material:

21 strips – 16 inches (40 cm)