

2-Braid Spiral Pumpkin

Instructor: Rose Robertson-Smith

Tuesdays, Nov 14, 21, & 28, 2025, at 7p EST
over Zoom

Just in time for Thanksgiving... braid and lace a pumpkin

Braid Level: Early Intermediate

Prerequisite: Must have taken a class involving braiding and lacing on a curve.

Folds: Left Opening Folds

Cost: \$70 (\$20/session + \$10 for handout)

Supplies needed:

- ½ yard of orange wool fabric(s), ½ yard of brown wool fabric(s). Scraps of green for leaves. Tear fabric into strips (instructor uses 1.5" wide strips) and roll up around a rubber band.
- Lacing needle (Braidkin) and lacing cord
- #16 or #18 tapestry needle *for splicing lacing cord*
- Hemostat (5-6" with straight tips) or needle-nose pliers (jewelry-type)
- Sewing needle and thread to match fabrics
- Braid Clamp or Stand
- Clothespin (working end clamp)
- Safety pins
- Sewing Scissors
- Thimble and reading glasses if needed
- Aleene's Felt Glue or hot glue gun (to glue on leaves and stem, OR sew them on)
- Optional braid-aids for folding strips

Skills:

- T-Starts
- Double Corners
- Lacing braids together, with two lacing cords at once
- Increasing on curves by skipping loops
- Changing skip-pattern at Row Markers
- Tapers X 2
- Adding leaves and stem



Teacher Bio: Rose learned to braid from classes at Dorr Mill in 2006. Since then, she has taught rug braiding locally in her home, at community centers, and at braiding conferences. She has an Etsy shop, Idlewild Wool, where she sells recycled wool from used clothing. In addition to braiding, Rose is a seamstress, doll-maker, gardener, and enjoys smocking. She runs a bed and breakfast – Lucinda's House -- from her historic property near Nashville.