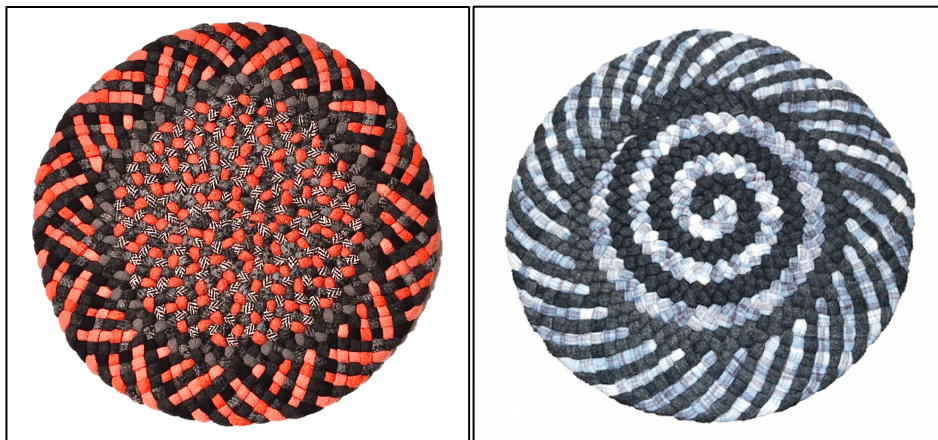




Class: Add a Multistrand Border to a Round or Oval Rug

Instructor: Christine Manges

Dates: Nov 11, 18, & 25, 2025 (3 Tuesdays)

Time: 3 pm EST over Zoom

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

Description: Learn to Braid, Lace, and Butt a Multistrand Border to a round or oval chairpad/rug.

Size: Dependent upon the number of strands in your multistrand braid, and the size of the center you choose.

Folds: Left or Right Opening Folds (All demos will be left opening).

Prerequisite Skills: Butting a 3-strand braid by any method.

Braid Level: Intermediate

Supplies:

- A **braided center** – round or oval – to which you will add the braid. The center should be at least 8" in diameter. The center can be all-butted or finished with a taper. **Please add a solid-colored butted row to the outside edge of the round to visually separate the center from the border.

• **Basic Braiding Supplies**

- **Fabric:** Using a fabric tape measure, measure around the perimeter of your center. Double this measurement, and divide by the length of your fabric to find the number of strips you will need per strand. Example: My chair pad is 10" diameter with an outer butted row. The circumference measures 32 inches. Doubling that = 64 inches. I plan on making a 6-strand MS braid, so each of the 6-strands will need to have two strips of my 58" wide fabric. Note: this is a *Rough Estimate* and I always have more fabric than needed.

Fabrics chosen for strips must be **SOLID COLORS** or have a tiny pattern that "reads" as solid, such as a herringbone. **DO NOT** use plaid fabrics: they detract from the MS pattern.

- **MS Braid Stand or MS Table Clamp** – instructions available after purchasing the class.

- **5" Toothed Metal Hair Clamps:** at least 4. Amazon has black, silver, and gold 6-packs. Sometimes called "beak" or "alligator" clips.

- **Hemostat:** 6" is best but 5" will do for smaller braids.

MS Strip Preparation Methods: choose one.

1. Braid-Aids for each strip; Master Braiders recommended. While braid-aids are optional, they are very helpful in folding strips. Available from Halcyon Yarn & Country Braid House.

2. Pre-pressing raw edges to center, then rolling up each pressed strip immediately.
3. Pre-sewing folds of strips together with matching thread; leave 3" open at either end for sewing seams.

Skills You'll Learn:

- Picking a Multistrand Pattern
- MS Butt Start
- Pattern Repeats and the implications for MS Butting
- MS Braiding vs MS Weaving
- MS Even Braids vs MS Odd Braids
- Tightening Strands
- Lacing on Multistrand Braids
- Butting Even MS Braids
- Butting Odd MS Braids

Teacher Bio: Christine Manges has been braiding rugs since 2006. She serves as the Education Chair of Rug Braiders International and was one of the founding members of the guild. She is a co-author of the book, Combining Rug Hooking and Braiding. She lives in Pittsburgh PA with her husband and too many pets.

