

Wendy Elizabeth
Exclusive Designs in Knotted Art
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I am a self taught knot addict with a flair for the unusual and a natural ability for tying knots into imaginative and original designs without the use of patterns. I take inspiration from the natural, ancient and modern worlds to make jewellery, clothes, accessories, furnishings, sculptures and masks. I am fascinated by the history of knotting, both usage and superstition and study ancient knotting techniques. I undertake commission work for re-enactors and museums and give talks.

BESPOKE WORKSHOPS

Informal tuition on a variety of knotting techniques. I come to you.

TASTERS. These are ideal for beginners and large craft groups, and last approximately 2 hours. My fees are £15.00 per hour plus travel expenses to be agreed at time of booking. Materials cost £1.00 per take home item.



TALK/TASTER DAYS. I present one of my talks in the morning, then give the appropriate taster workshop in the afternoon. My fees are £150.00 for the day which usually includes travel. See over for my talk information.

Day/half day workshops can be arranged and are more one to one tuition and only suitable for a single pupil or maximum of six. These are tailored to suit you and therefore priced accordingly. Please contact me for further details.



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TALKS



The History and art of knotting

What do Hercules, the vestal virgins, sore throats and DNA have in common? The answer, and lots of other weird and wonderful ways knots have been used from the stone age to the 21st century, can be found during my talk.



Duration is approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

The art of Oriental knotting

From love tokens to martial arts, discover how the exquisite art of oriental knotting has passed from ancient tradition into 21st century fashion. Includes a short 'have a go session' on Japanese fabric wrapping.

Duration is approximately 45 minutes.



Current fee is £45.00 per talk. Travel expenses to be agreed at time of booking. I am willing to travel 60 miles from Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. Further distances may be considered. Alternatively if your group books a trip to Flag Fen Archaeology Park Tel; 01733 864468 www.vivacity-peterborough.com/museums-and-heritage/flag-fen I can arrange to present my talk there. However please contact me to confirm that this arrangement is still available.

Previous talks include: Women's Institutes. Townswomen's Guilds. British Cardiac Patients Group. Friendship Clubs. NHS Trust Retirement Fellowships. Ladies Circles. Lace makers, quilters, embroiderers', spinners, and weavers Guilds. USA groups. Probus. Civil Service Retirement Fellowship. Luncheon Clubs.

I am listed on the Historical page at www.peterboroughguestspeakers.co.uk and currently on the speakers panels of the following Women's Institutes; Cambridge. Huntingdon & Peterborough. Ely. Leicester & Rutland. Norfolk. Northamptonshire. South Lincolnshire. Suffolk West.

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TASTERS

For the absolute beginner, also ideal for craft groups and larger numbers of pupils. Each workshop is approximately 2 hours duration.

Knot tying instructions provided to take home. Materials cost £1 per take home item. Make as many or as few as you wish.

Macramé. Learn a few basic macramé knots. Discover how to use them and create key rings, and dragonflies to take home.



Chinese decorative knots.

This art has been a part of Chinese culture for thousands of years. Learn a few of the basic knots.

Discover how to use them and create brooches / charms and snakes to take home.



TASTERS continued

Needle Hitching

This is a 7000 year old technique of tying half hitch knots which can be used to make fabric items such as socks, mittens, hats, bowls and mats.

Learn the half hitch knot and make flowers to take home as brooches or hat decorations.

Materials cost £1 per take home item. Make as many or as few as you wish. Or if you prefer, you may bring your own wool and buttons.



Alternatively, you can make a small bowl. Materials cost £5 per take home item.



JAPANESE FABRIC WRAPPING

Furoshiki cloths were once used by Samurai households as reusable gift wrappings. The more expensive the gift the better the wrapping!. Now it is a wonderful way to

recycle scarves and material, even making the scarf part of the gift. Learn the simple techniques to wrap an assortment of

shapes. Bring along "presents" to wrap and thin square scarves.



KNOTS FOR JEWELLERY

Tailored for you workshops

Day/half day

Learn a few basic macramé knots and create your own designer jewellery. If you've done the taster workshops a quick refresher may just be needed and then you can get making sooner!

Practice materials supplied. A selection of yarns, beads, pendants and fittings will be available to purchase for "take home"



items or you are welcome to bring your own.



Pictures show possible designs



KNOTS FOR JEWELLERY CHINESE KNOTS

This art has been a part of Chinese culture for thousands of years. An ancient craft with a modern twist. Learn a few basic knots to create stunning necklaces and bracelets.



Pictures show possible designs



ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY

Tailored for you workshops

Day/half day

These ancient techniques are still in use today. Practice materials supplied. A selection of yarns will be available to purchase for take home items or bring your own.

Needle hitching or needle binding

This is a 7000 year old technique of tying half hitch knots which among other things can be used to make fabric items such as socks, mittens, hats and bowls. Following on from the taster workshop, learn how to shape for socks and hats.



Netting

Net making is a knotting technique used for fishing and trapping etc.. Other useful items such as bags for shopping and storage, even a skirt can be made. Learn how to make a basic bag.

Fabric

The reef knot is one of the oldest knots found and can be used to make fabric. By tying reef knots and half hitches a wide variety of items can be made including clothing, bags, mats and belts. Following on from the macramé taster workshop learn how to produce fabric in different patterns.

