

Appalachian Broom Making

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

APPALACHIAN BROOMS FROM THE GROUND UP

Time flies when you're learning the traditional Appalachian Art & Craft of Broom Making from the ground up. Students will work with prepping broomcorn, learn about harvesting & finishing handles, as well as exploring various styles, designs & broom construction techniques including whisks, besoms & shaker sweepers for hearth, floor & even cobwebs. As well as leaving with several completed brooms, students will leave with the know-how to continue making brooms on their own. All levels are welcome, but manual dexterity & some upper-body strength are required.

MATERIALS LIST

- 2 Old Towels for broomcorn & lap
- *Disposable gloves
- Breathing *mask for sanding & lacquer
- Long-sleeve shirt in case bothered by broomcorn fibers
- Hand *balm or *lotion if prone to dryness
- Wearing work clothes is suggested, as broomcorn water has a slight amount of bleach or borate in it, and leakage can cause discoloration in some cloth
- The instructor will have a plentiful supply of wooden handle material, but students are encouraged to bring any additional antlers, branches, driftwood, or other handle materials they may wish to use for their own unique brooms. (green wood is unsuitable due to shrinkage)
- *Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)
- *Padlock for your studio locker, if desired (For rent in the Supply Store for the week)

All Items marked with an "*" are available for purchase in the Supply Store

COVID-19 UPDATE

In accordance to Arrowmont's COVID-19 policies, Arrowmont recommends that all students bring multiple face coverings in accordance to the CDC guidelines (2-ply, cloth face covering). Along with additional masks, students should consider bringing additional PPE that they may need personally, including but not limited to hand sanitizers and gloves. When asked to bring a respirator or N95 for class, please consider the best option for the supply in your area with health care workers in mind.

In addition to the new operating policies due to COVID-19, Arrowmont is providing additional information to students about materials and tools that will be provided in classrooms. If a student already owns the below items and can travel with them, the student can choose to bring these additional items. Arrowmont will provide these items to students but wants to ensure that all students feel comfortable while on campus as some of these items will be shared amongst a class and are not guaranteed to be one per student.

SUPPLIES

- *Please see highlighted items above*

If a student chooses to mail tools and supplies to Arrowmont prior to the class, the packages will be placed in the student's classroom.

Please label packages clearly, including student's name and class week.

Students can mail packages to:

Arrowmont
C/O Student Name and Class Week
556 Parkway
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Please be advised that above course description and materials list is written and approved by the instructor

If you have any additional questions about this class, below is the contact info for your instructor:

706-851-5616

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