

ARROWMONT

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Fibers

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Lace weaves are a special category of cloth that are especially beautiful when woven in a crisp linen yarn. This class will cover all the basics of how to plan a weaving project and how to warp and weave on a floor loom, with a special emphasis on lace structures and how to use linen and linen-blend yarns. We will explore how to interpret pattern draft instructions and how to use design blocks to create unique patterns, skills that can be applied to many drafts beyond lace. Students can experiment with yarns of their choosing, but there will be special emphasis, tips, and tricks on how to use linen, which is known to weavers as a particularly “unforgiving” fiber. Starting with a run of tea towels to get a sense of the lace structures and materials, students are then welcome to explore whatever application of lace and linen interests them, from heirloom textiles to expressive artworks. Open to all skill levels.

MATERIALS LIST

- 1 - Notebook and note-taking supplies
- 1 - Good, sharp scissors Arrowmont has some in studio
- 1 - Calculator (on your phone is fine)
- Optional: Any yarns for experimentation. The studio will have a few types of linen and linen blend yarns, but feel free to bring whatever additional types may interest you.
- Optional : Any favorite weaving tools such as reed hook, heddle hook, shuttles and bobbins, etc. The studio will have plenty of tools for general use, but feel free to bring your own. (It’s a good idea to label personal tools with your name.)
- Optional but Recommended : Laptop computer to play with weave drafts. We will use the free demo version of Fiberworks PCW, which you are welcome to download ahead of time at <http://www.fiberworks-pcw.com/>
- 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)

The Supply Store has a small selection of materials for all mediums. If you intend on purchasing items from the store once you arrive on campus, please reach out to our supply store to ensure we have those materials in stock. Call 865-436-5860 Ext. 25 or email Celeste Rudd, retail logistics manager at crudd@arrowmont.org.

MATERIALS FEES: **\$135.00-\$235.00**

Materials fees will be charged for materials used in the studio and/or provided by instructors for use in the studio by the entire class. In order to keep these fees as low as possible, fees are assessed on an

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individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class. Materials fees are paid on the last day of class.

Please be advised that the above course description and materials list has been written and approved by the instructor.

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

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