



2025 Evelyn Baxter School

January to December 2025

2025's Subject - Beginner's Macramé

Are you curious about the art of macramé but don't know where to start? Would you like to learn the basic knots and techniques to create your own stunning designs? Then this course is for you.

With the guidance of the SWI's expert Evelyn Baxter tutors, you will explore the foundations of macramé, mastering key skills and knots. Over two days, you'll craft up to six beautiful projects to take home, giving you the confidence to continue creating your own macramé pieces in the future.

You will learn

- **Basic knots:** Learn the square knot, spiral knot, lark's head knot, and more to create intricate patterns.
- **Shaping techniques:** Discover how to shape your designs for projects like coasters, keychains, and dolls.
- **Layering and combining knots:** Develop your ability to create larger pieces, including wall hangings with multiple leaf designs or hoops.
- **Working with different materials:** Gain confidence in using various types and sizes of cord for your projects.
- **Project assembly and finishing:** Learn how to construct and finish pieces like plant pot holders and decorative designs.

You will need

- A plant pot
- A wooden stick/dowel

A full equipment list will be sent to participants prior to the class.

2025's scholars

- **Caitlin Davidson** - online member, Dundee
- **Pamela Goodwin** - Auctermuchty SWI, Fife Federation
- **Hazel Lawson** - Fochabers SWI, Moray & Nairn Federation
- **Sharon Murdoch** - Largs SWI, Ayrshire Federation

All four scholars sat a two-day course at SWI HQ in October 2024 with expert tutor Becky McGill, of Bonnie Wee Dreams.

The four are now willing to give 2-day classes on beginners macramé to members of your Federation between January and December 2025.

What do Federation classes involve?

- Your class will be for two consecutive days, for four hours each day.
- Up to 6 macramé projects may be completed during this class, depending on participant speed/skill level.
 - **Day 1 (morning):** Plant pot hangers
 - **Day 1 (afternoon):** Macramé dolls x2
 - **Day 2 (morning):** Multiple leaf wall hanging
 - **Day 2 (afternoon):** Wall hanging with hoop (dream catcher or plant pot style)
 - **Additional:** Key chains from scraps or coasters
- The recommended charge for classes is **£35 per member or £45 per non-member** (this does not include materials). The Federation does not pay any fees for pupils attending these classes to SWI Central Office. All expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the Federation.
- A minimum of 8 or maximum of 12 members can be accepted.

What does the Federation do?

- Gather interest from members. A minimum of 8 and maximum of 12 members can be accepted for each class. You can arrange for two classes if there is high demand in your area.
- Arrange a date. Your class will be for two consecutive days, for four hours each day. If a Federation requires two schools to satisfy the demand for places, then please try to organise them within a 5-day period i.e. one 2-day class followed by a one-day break then another 2-day class.
- Reimburse the scholar. The scholar does not receive a fee but expenses for travel, accommodation and meals etc. will be reimbursed by the inviting Federation. The scholar will provide an expenses claim form on arrival and should be reimbursed by the end of the school.
- Consider ways to reduce Federation costs. Hospitality might be offered to the scholars, as this often helps to reduce mileage and make travelling less arduous. If neighbouring Federations wish to invite the same scholar to teach perhaps you can arrange consecutive dates, allowing for travelling time.
- Contact SWI Central Office to book the scholar. All arrangements for these classes (dates and times) should be made through SWI Central Office. **In the event of a Federation having to cancel the class SWI Central Office and the Scholar must be notified at least four weeks in advance.**

Scholars' schedules will fill up quickly so please book as soon as possible by emailing beth.spencer@theswi.org.uk

Deadline for responses: **Monday 27th January 2025**

Yours sincerely,

Beth Spencer

Events Officer & Administrator

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Subject - 2-day Beginners Macramé

Federation: _____

Would like to host a class ☐

Would not like to host a class ☐

Federation contact: _____ **Membership number #:** _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ **Telephone number:** _____

Email address: _____

Please provide the following information (if known)

Proposed date(s) of school: _____

Venue of school (if known): _____

Hours of school **First session:** _____

Second session: _____

Number of attendees: _____

Please email completed forms to beth.spencer@theswi.org.uk **OR** by post to SWI Central Office, Unit 8, 1 Carmichael Place, Edinburgh, EH6 5PH as soon as possible, or by **Monday 27th January 2025**.