

Beginning Kumihimo

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Join us to learn the traditional Japanese braiding craft of Kumihimo which translates into English as “gathering of threads”. Traditionally Kumihimo braids were used to make decorative cords and sashing for armor and sword coverings for samurai. They are still used for the top most layer of an obi holding the kimono in place. Traditionally thin silk threads were used bundled together.

Kumihimo braids can be used in many different ways, such as for purse handles, belts, embellishments for garments and for quilts. The braids make stunning jewelry with or without beads.



What you will learn:

This class will concentrate on learning the simplest 8 warp round braid which is the most versatile. By using various different colors and sizes of thread, such as Perle cotton size 3,5 or 8, rat tail or other threads of your choice you will learn how the size and color changes the look of the braid. There is no limit to what you can do with this braid.

Kit:

A kit will be available for \$10.00 which will include the round foam board and 8 plastic bobbins. A variety of different types of threads will be available to choose from.

What you should bring:

Everything is provided in the kit unless you choose to bring thread/textiles of your own.