## Welcome



Coiling: Ancient Basketry Technique G25070204

with Robin Przybysz July 13-19, 2025

Welcome to Coiling:

I'm Robin Przybysz. I am a contemporary fiber artist, and an art instructor of 38 years. I recently relocated to Las Cruces in June 2023 from San Diego, CA. Since my relocation, I have been actively involved in the community as a member of the Dona Ana Arts Council Board, befriending and working with many artists in the area, and working at a local charter school, Alma d' Arte, as an artist in residence, art instructor, and gallerist.

My dedication to education is equal to the passion I have in creating and exhibiting my art. I have been instructing art for Junior Kindergarten-12 th grade, undergraduate, and adult education.

My studio practice consists of twisting, stitching, wrapping, coiling, cutting, drilling, and burning. These are skills I perform while crafting my sculptural bodies of art. The natural, fibrous, materials I choose such as cotton, linen, jute, wood, and paper offer me a sensual, sensorial feel in my hands that becomes an extension of the gestures of my body. The designs I create in my artworks whether burned, stitched, drawn, or coiled and constructed into three dimensional sculptures become a symbolic language for me.

Intro: Coiling is not weaving. It is a procedure combining the wrapping of a core material and a sewing process. Coiled baskets with distinctive designs are synonymous with the Southwestern American Indian tribes. These skilled practitioners have raised basket coiling to a classic art form. Coiling is a flexible medium that presents exciting art using both familiar and exotic materials. A coiled basket begins with a material that is wrapped around (the core) and then sewn together in an orderly manner. The basket needs a base, a shape and a rim.

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#### Exercise:

- Students will learn a brief history of coiled basketry along with a power point of coiled art
- created by artist, Robin Przybysz.
- Students will receive a step by step instruction packet on how to coil basket-ry.
- Students will be given a step by step visual guide of how to coil basketry.
- Students will be given a demonstration on how to coil a basket.
- Students will practice coiling with a beginner's basic small vessel.

#### Materials Supplied:

- Step by step written instruction packet
- Step by step visual coiling guide
- Core of jute
- Coiling needles gauge 16
- Yarn
- Scissors

Enjoy the class! Robin Przybysz, M.F.A.