



Senior Textile Artist Badge Workshop

An At-Home Program

GSCCC Senior Textile Artist Badge Workshop (At-Home)



- When you see fabrics, yarn, or string off all colors and textures what do you think of? Do you envision all of the things you could create? Let's turn those visions into reality!

Program Outline

Materials:

- Computer
- Internet access
- Materials for craft of choice

Step 1: Choose your textile art

There are a number of textile arts in the world from macramé to crocheting to quilting and much more. In this step you will be doing some research to learn about a textile art that you find interesting and that you would like to learn. Some of the most common textile arts are macramé, embroidery, cross-stitch, needlework, knitting, crocheting, weaving, and quilting. Do some research to find out about these or other textile arts. Below are some helpful links to start with.

Here are a few links to get your search started – [crochet](#), [macramé](#), [embroidery](#), [weaving](#).

Click [here](#) to see what some current textile artists are doing.

Step 2: Find your tools and materials

Now that you have chosen your art, you need to gather materials. Crocheting needs crochet hooks and yarn. Embroidery needs needles, embroidery floss, hoops, and fabric. Do some research about what you will need for your chosen textile art form. What all is involved? Do you know anyone who already has the supplies? Would they be willing to lend you some materials? Below are some great resources to learn about materials needed for the most common textile arts.

- [How to read crochet patterns](#)
- [How to read knitting patterns](#)

- [Embroidery supplies and steps](#)
- [How to make a weaving loom](#)

Step 3: Learn the basics

Now that you have your materials, you are going to be learning the basics of your craft. Find someone to teach you or look for YouTube videos to learn your craft. Below are some links to videos to get you started.

For a beginners guide to crochet, watch [this video](#).

For embroidery, watch [this video](#).

To learn the basics of macramé, go [here](#).

For weaving, go [here](#).

Step 4: Make something for everyday use

Now that you know the basics of your chosen art, you are going to create your first project. Create something that you can use in your daily life whether it is a patchwork tote bag or a crocheted scarf or even a full sized quilt for your bed. Below are some good examples of projects you can try.

- [Embroidered notebooks](#)
- Embroidered napkins
- [Crochet hat](#)
- Crochet or knitted scarf
- [Woven wall hanging](#)
- Woven placemats
- [Macramé plant hanger](#)
- Macramé coasters

Step 5: Create a gift or item for a special occasion

Do you have someone in your life that you want to give a gift to? Maybe it's the person who taught you your craft. Maybe it is a family member or friend. Maybe someone's birthday is coming up. Think of someone in your life that you would like to give a gift to. What would they like to receive? You are going to create another project but this time it is for someone else. Use this project to continue to develop your craft and learn more difficult aspects of it. Perhaps you want to learn [amigurumi](#) or a [diamond half hitch](#). Below are some more tutorials and videos to get you started.

- [Free amigurumi patterns](#)
- [Free knitting patterns](#)
- [Free embroidery patterns](#)

Feel free to create your own pattern or design! Experiment with your materials to see what you can create.

If you loved creating, consider making gifts for people or opening up an Etsy shop (with an adult's assistance). [Here](#) are some other people who are making textile art now and selling them on Etsy.

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