

## **Ply Split Braiding for Beginners- Marilla Cooper**

**Date: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 from 10am to 2.30pm with half hour for lunch**



### **SS11A – at the Guild**

### **SS11B– Online via zoom**

Cost: At the Guild	\$100.00 guild member
At the Guild	\$120.00 general public
Online	\$80.00 guild member
Online	\$100.00 general public

### **No prerequisites Beginner**

An introduction to the techniques of Ply Split Braiding including how to make the special cords. Ply splitting originated in India for making decorative camel harness. It has spread to the rest of the world to make strong yet light decorative bands for many uses including bag and guitar straps, hat bands and jewellery as well as 3D vessels.

Ply splitting is easy once you know what to do. You will learn the basic techniques which can be adapted to make an astonishing range of patterns and designs.

Written patterns have their own conventions, and we will cover these, as well as where to find the patterns themselves. Good cords are essential for a good end result and there are a number of ways to make them. You will be able to try at least four options, to decide which one suits you best.

You will take home a sampler and the start of a project to finish at home, as well as patterns for other projects

### **Materials required:**

- A Gripfid. One will be provided for you to use on the day and may be purchased for \$25.
- A way to make 3 or 4 ply cords.
- These will be provided to use, but if you have a gripfid, cord-maker, fringe twister, or hair braider, bring them along .
- Cords will be provided for you to use in class.
- 8 ply cotton in 3 - 4 colours to make your own cords to take home. Light to medium colours are easiest to work with.

- **Online students will need to purchase a kit including gripfid and some cords. The cost is \$35, which includes postage.**

**If COVID-19 restrictions are increased and the Guild must close both classes will be presented online.**