

WELCOME TO A WEAVING ADVENTURE!

People often ask me if weaving with wire hurts my hands. My reply is no - it's a lot like weaving anything else! I CAN stab myself with the needle when I am assembling jewelry or a sculpture, but the wire doesn't attack me when I am weaving. Once you understand how to work with this lively material, the weaving process is very straightforward and enjoyable!

This Weaving with Wire workshop will focus on weaving a narrow, 3 yard warp. I will take you through the steps from planning your warp to creating something unique with the woven metal fabric. I am very excited to share the love I have of weaving with wire and can't wait to see what YOU create!

1

You will plan, create, beam and tie on a 3 yard wire warp.

2

You will weave the warp, experimenting with different weft materials.

3

You will create a woven metal fabric and fashion into jewelry or a small sculpture.

Workshop Schedule

& OVERVIEW

Should someone's workshop schedule get interrupted, Christine will catch them up as best she can! All times are CST...

Friday

Morning 10 - 12

Presentation: Artists who work with metal using fiber techniques

Overview of CKM work - questions & answers

Afternoon 1 - 4

Overview of warping process
Begin preparing warp

Saturday

Morning 10 - 12

Overview of beaming the warp

Begin beaming the warp and tying on to weave

Afternoon 1 - 4

Overview of preparing bobbins - begin weaving

Sunday

Morning 10 - 12

Group discussion - observations, problems, troubleshooting

Weave the warp

Afternoon 1 - 4

Work with woven metal, demonstration, creation of jewelry



Supply List



- 4 or 8 shaft floor or table loom
- 10, 12 or 15 dent reed (the warp is sett at 60 epi)
- Warping board or reel
- Packing paper for rolling on warp
- Pair of sticks long enough to reach from front beam to back beam
- Clamps/bungee cords to secure warping & lease sticks to loom
- Lease sticks - A second pair is nice - you can make a second pair easily by drilling holes in dowel sticks so you can tie them together
- Sley hook and reed hook
- Brown paper (grocery bag) to protect beams
- Boat shuttles & bobbins (stick shuttles will bend the wire in weft)
- Metal shower hooks
- Washers or fishing weights (to weight floating selvage wires)
- Cloth strips or heavy yarn - For tying the lease sticks to the loom while threading the loom
- Craft scissors to cut wire
- Twist Ties - have a bundle of these –we'll use them to secure the warp before removing from the warping board
- Tape measure
- Masking tape (3/4 - 1")
- Variety of weft yarns, ribbons (metallics, novelty, etc.)
- Wire (explained in detail next sheet)
- Beads (if you want to embellish)
- Needle nose pliers (when working with woven metal)
- Awl tool (helps when working with woven metal)
- Jewelry findings (earring wires, pin backs, etc.)
- A variety of medium sized heavy needles w/sharp point

QUESTIONS? Email Christine:
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<https://parawire.com/cbc-metal-supply/craft-wire/>
BE SURE YOU GET 28 GAUGE WIRE!!

I have found a wonderful supplier of wire that is 28 gauge and comes in 30 colors! It is very reasonable at about \$6.60 per 300' spool. We will be using the wire for the warp, and it will also be wound along with the novelty yarn for the weft.

You are each going to put on a 3 yard warp and you can choose the width of your warp – 3/8", 1/2" or 1". I've included some images of jewelry I've made with the widths listed so you can get an idea of what it will do. I'll have designs I've created for you to make if you like, but will love seeing what designs you can come up with! Don't stress too much about your finished design - we are going to play!

Go to: <https://parawire.com> You will choose between metallic and silver-plated wire. See the next page for color & more info! **BE SURE YOU GET 28 GAUGE WIRE!!**

For a 3/8" wide, 3 yd warp sett at 60 epi you will need approx. 450'

For a 1/2" wide, 3 yd warp sett at 60 epi you will need approx. 500'

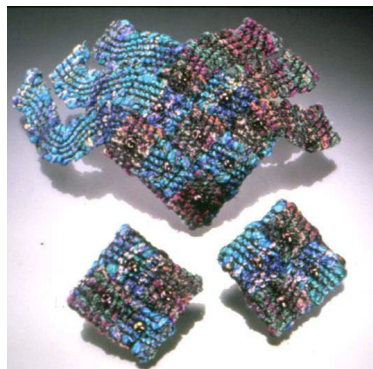
For a 1" wide, 3 yd warp sett at 60 epi you will need approx. 1000'

(you can order additional colors to make a striped warp or use for different wefts if your budget allows. So many colors to choose from!)

If you have any questions about getting your wire, don't hesitate to call or email me! 214-354-5019 or chris.keithmiller@gmail.com



1" gold warp
twisted & folded



3/8" black warp strips
woven together



3/8" red warp
pleated and twisted



COLOR GUIDE

METALLIC

Amber	
Antique Copper	
Army Green	
Black	
Blue	
Bronze	
Brown	
Burgundy	
Green	
Magenta	
Natural	
Purple	
Red	
Smokey Quartz	
Solid Faux Gold	
Teal	
Vintage Bronze	

SILVER-PLATED

Amethyst	
Antique White	
Baby Blue	
Blue Steel	
Brushed Silver	
Champagne Gold	
Coral	
Flag Blue	
Fuchsia	
Gold	
Hematite	
Hot Pink	
Lavender	
Outrageous Orange	
Pacific Blue	
Peacock Blue	
Peridot	
Rose Gold	
Seafoam	
Silver	
Titanium	
Ultra White	
Yellow	

Go to the main page of Parawire, <https://parawire.com/>, drop down the Shop menu, and follow the Craft Wire link - you will work from either or both of these types of wire (separate pages on the website). Decide the color/s you want (there are some duplicate colors between the two types.) You can mix and match wires and colors, just be sure you order the total yardage you need for warp and weft! The types are the same price per spool, BUT there is more yardage on the Metallic color spools, FYI.

**Metallic colors come on
300' spools**

**Silver-plated colors come
on 200' spools**

28 gauge wire only!!!