

Appropriate Chair Frames, Ordering Cane, Gathering Tools for Hand-woven Chair Caning

You will need 1 Chair Frame, with holes drilled around the perimeter of the seat, in good repair. **Send photos of your chair (top and bottom of seat) when you sign up!** - also serves as a “before” photo!

Email to silverriverchairs@gmail.com or text 828-707-4553 and include your name/March online class.

Watch our video on choosing chairs to learn more about chair shapes and how they affect weaving!

📺 The Best Beginner Chair for Laced Caning projects <https://youtu.be/jkMm8lIPFto>

THESE SHAPES BELOW ARE GOOD FOR FIRST CHAIR CANING PROJECT

(Please note that the rectangular seat shown on the right is a daisy pattern that is not covered in this class.)



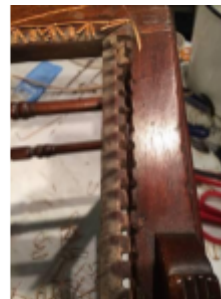
CIRCULAR CHAIRS ARE MORE CHALLENGING FOR A FIRST PROJECT



RECESSED HOLES ARE A HEADACHE



BREAKS THROUGH HOLES MUST BE REPAIRED BEFORE CLASS



CURVED BACK PANELS ARE TRICKY, CURVED SEATS ARE OK



Please watch the following video resources to help you remove the old cane, perform any structural work that may need to be done before weaving, prep the chair for the weaving, and determine the appropriate size cane for your projects. Don't trust the cane size that was on the chair previously!

📺 Structural Repairs on Laced (aka Hand-Woven) Cane Chairs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHQw3qXaxX8>

Chair Prep & Cane Sizing for Hand-woven Chair Caning <https://youtu.be/SAklWzfm-ZQ>

Materials: Appropriately sized cane strands (½ hank or more) and binder. Don't use old cane! Use the chart below to determine the proper cane size and/or work with a supplier. We suggest H.H Perkins, Country Seat or any of the online suppliers on our website: www.silverriverchairs.com/resources Be specific with your measuring, don't round up/down to ¼ inch because it is easier. Sizing is very important.

LACED CANE - SIZING MATRIX

Holes in 6"	Hole Diameter	Size of Cane
8	5/16 inch	Common (3.5 mm)
9	1/4 inch	Medium (3.0 mm)
10	1/4 inch	Nar. Medium (2.75 mm)
11	7/32 inch	Fine (2.5 mm)
12	3/16 inch	Fine-Fine (2.25 mm)
13	1/8 inch	Superfine (2.0 mm)
14	1/8 inch	Carriage (1.75 mm)
16	3/32 inch	Super Carriage (1.5 mm)

Tools for Chair Caning:

- 1) **Purchase a Toolkit:** Our in-person classes include access to the following tools. Buy the complete toolkit from Silver River Chairs for \$125 + shipping, *but it is not required*. Most tools you may already own or can purchase individually through us/canining suppliers/hardware stores as needed. Additional/specialty tools make the process easier but aren't necessary to complete the project.

Watch our short videos about chair canining tools.

📺 Canining Tools Video https://youtu.be/wzRUUpqell_U

What is a canining needle?

📺 How to Use a Canining Needle - Speeding up the Process of Laced Canining <https://youtu.be/kQf20-6yUeQ>

Canining Pegs (x24) w/Tub

Golf Tees (x24) w/Tub

Mini Pick Set

Side Cutter

Bent Nose Pliers

Threading Tool

Canining Comb Set (6)

Utility Blade

6" Metal Ruler

Tweezers

Canining Needle/Steamer

Rasp

Hobby Knife

Spritz Bottle

Tool Bin

Twist Ties w/Tub

Beard Trimmers (not included in toolkit)

Hand Towel (not included in toolkit)

Washcloth (not included in toolkit)

Small Crock Pot w/"Warm" setting (\$15 Extra)

- 2) **Build Your Own Minimalist Toolkit** (tools necessary for the class): canining pegs, awl/ice-pick, tweezers, small scissors, coarse sandpaper, washcloth, hand towel and a small soaking bucket/tub.

Reference Books: Available through Silver River Chairs, but not necessary to complete the project.

Caner's Handbook by Bruce Miller/Jim Widess (out of print): \$35+shipping

Chair Seating by Mary Butcher, et al. (out of print) [Spiral Bound]: \$65+shipping

Alternate Caning Patterns (Daisies, Star, Spiderweb, etc....not covered in this class)

Ideas for the Experienced Caner #1 by John & Lil Peterka: \$7.50 + shipping

Ideas for the Experienced Caner #2 by John & Lil Peterka: \$7.50 + shipping

NOTE: Tools/books purchased through Silver River Chairs should be ordered at least 1 month before the first class date. A minimalist toolkit will suffice if you order after the cut off date.

Call/email to order materials, tools, and to say hello and discuss your specific chair project. Don't forget to send photos of your chair! Thanks, Brandy & Dave

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