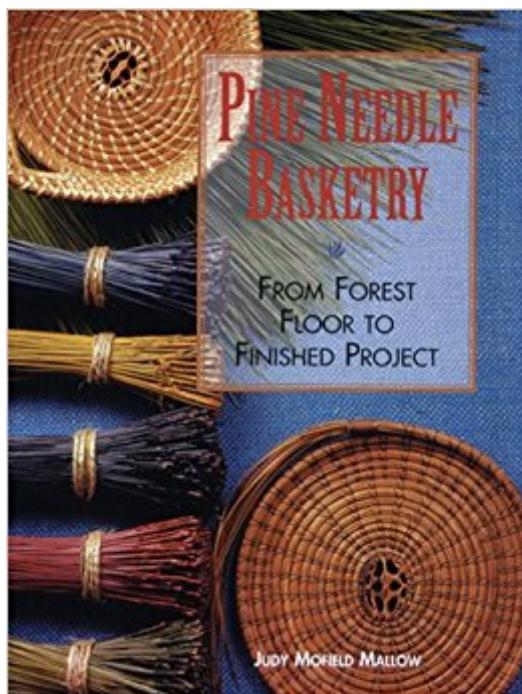


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# Pine Needle Basketry: From Forest Floor To Finished Project



## Synopsis

This classic text in basket-making, now in paperback, shows how to transform fragrant pine needles into stunning coiled baskets and other decorative items. It's surprisingly easy, with all 40 projects based on wrapping needles around a center. From this simple technique, however, crafters can create limitless variety through the way they shape the coils, dye the needles, vary stitches, embellish with beads and seeds, and incorporate leather and wood. Special sections address gathering and storing materials, making lids and handles, and more.

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## Customer Reviews

Pine needles have become raw materials for baskets because they were a widely available, renewable resource. Mallow (Pine Needle and Nut Crafting, Glover, 1984) is a pine needle basketry artist and teacher. Here she covers materials, tools, basic techniques, and projects. Instead of step-by-step instructions, the projects refer the crafter to the general techniques pages at the beginning of the book. Novices are advised to make the practice basket project, which has detailed instructions, before attempting a more advanced basket. This book may be more suitable for use with classes than as a guide for beginners. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Mallow is an excellent teacher with a gift for keeping the subject entertaining and easy to follow. Small Press

This paper back book, priced at just under \$10., has excellent illustrations and photos of in process and completed items. The included photos of gallery items are also an incentive to strive to produce similar items. I gave the book only four stars because I did not find a list of suppliers that would generally be included in similar instruction books, though the table of contents listed page 111 as having "notes about suppliers." There were no such notes; however, I know I can Google the internet for info about supplies, and I shall do so when I need to order supplies. But I, am surprised that such a list is missing from this otherwise helpful book. Perhaps the book is available at this discount price because of this printing error? I live in south Georgia where I am surrounded by long leaf pine trees; thus, I am fortunate to be able to simply take a short walk and gather fallen pine needles by the side of the road. Gourds, sometimes used in pine needle basketry, are also available at a huge gourd farm not too far from where I live. A few years ago I managed to take lessons in pine needle basket making and am looking forward to making some once again; I will probably purchase some fabric dye from the grocery store and will try my hand at making dyed baskets as described in this book.

There are so many creative baskets shown in this book that I was absolutely drooling on the book the first time through! (Maybe they should water proof the pages?!) There are lots of excellent illustrations in techniques and I really like the chapter that shows more complex projects with a list of the page to find the techniques used in that project. I haven't tried my own pine needle basket yet, but I've got plans to go harvest needles this next weekend! There is inspiration to be found between the pages of this book - if you are not a basket maker at all, you may find yourself wanting to become one after reading it!

This is a great book for beginners and beyond. I taught a beginning class and used the basic starting information on how to prepare the pine needles and then how to start a small basket. When the students were finished with their little baskets, they all wanted to do more baskets using some of the more difficult designs and techniques, so I ordered 12 more books and we plan to get together for more basket making in the near future.

I plan on working a lot with this book when the pine needles start to drop and I can collect enough for several fun projects! It has some great, easy-to-understand stitch illustrations and is beautifully photographed.

Bought this for my friend. She loves it. Great quality & easy step by step instructions. Great for beginners.

Recently, I was introduced to pine needle basket making at a craft class held at the Dade Battlefield State Park in Florida. It was just the beginning of a love for making wonderful items out of literally nothing. The class itself, was very basic and simple by showing us how to weave the wonderful long leaf pine needles with raffia and create a coaster or small bowl. For me, the class opened the door to a whole new world. This book has been such a great help with seeing all the possiblilites, the beautiful photos, and introduction to other materials to be used with the weaving of items. it explains in detail the shapes, sizes, methods of weaving and so much more.

Everything you need to know about using pine needles.

Having a back property nestled into a pine forest provides me with an annual supply of pine needles. I gather them just after we've had a windy Autumn day. It's good exercise to acquire free supplies. With four 5" bundles of pine needles gathered, I began searching for instructions on-line. There were a few but none with an abundance of photographs, supplies, list of tools and techniques as I needed and wanted. Then, I found a link to Judy Mofield Mallow's book, "Pine Needle Basketry" and many wonderful reviews about her book. After just now receiving her book, and having 'skimmed' it in great depth, I must say, this might be THE ONLY BASKETRY INSTRUCTION BOOK that I'll ever need. I cannot brag enough about Judy Mofield Mallow and her book Pine Needle Basketry. Off I go to soak a small bundle of pine needles...

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