

Appropriate Chair Frames, Ordering Cane, Gathering Tools

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) to silverriverchairs@gmail.com before class - also serves as “before” photo!

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

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 UNDERNEATH ARE A HEADACHE



BREAKS THROUGH HOLES MUST BE REPAIRED BEFORE CLASS



CURVED BACK PANELS ARE TRICKY, CURVED SEATS ARE OK



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.silvriverchairs.com/resources

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)

Purchase a Toolkit: Our in-person classes include access to the following tools. The complete toolkit can be purchased from Silver River Chairs for \$110 + shipping, but it is not required. Most tools can be purchased individually through caning suppliers/hardware stores as needed.

Caning Pegs (x24) w/Tub	Caning Needle/Steamer
Golf Tees (x24) w/Tub	Rasp
Mini Pick Set	Hobby Knife
Side Cutter	Spritz Bottle
Bent Nose Pliers	Tool Bin
Threading Tool	Twist Ties w/Tub
Caning Comb Set (6)	Beard Trimmers (not included in toolkit)
Utility Blade	Hand Towel (not included in toolkit)
6" Metal Ruler	Washcloth (not included in toolkit)
Tweezers	Small Crock Pot w/"Warm" setting (\$15 Extra)

Build Your Own Minimalist Toolkit: caning pegs, awl/ice-pick, tweezers, small scissors, coarse sandpaper, washcloth, hand towel and a small soaking bucket/tub. Additional/specialty tools make the process much easier but aren't necessary to complete the project.

Reference Books: Available for purchase 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 need to be ordered *at least 1 month before 1st class on Feb 6, 2023*. Additional purchases can be made after that time, but we can't guarantee that items will arrive before 1st class date. **Call/email to order: 828-707-4553/silvriverchairs@gmail.com**