

CUYAHOGA VALLEY ART CENTER**Workshop:** Coptic Stitch Binding Workshop**Instructor:** Jenniffer Omaitz **Website:** Jcmarbling.com & Omaitz.com

This two-day workshop will introduce basic Coptic stitch binding from cover to cover. Coptic stitch binding is a simple yet durable book stitch that has evolved from the fourth century to this current form. This type of stitch is an exposed sewing that adorns the backbone of the book sewn directly into the board. Students will learn how to create at least two small books with a single-needle approach and multiple-needle approaches. This class will allow students to master the basic structure and rhythm to graduate to more complicated stitch techniques.

SUPPLIES:

- Bone folder
- Curved needles or “J” wig needles
- Waxed Linen thread or cord 4ply at least 4 yards
- PVA glue
- Brush and dish for applying glue
- 24 sheets of drawing paper per book or heavier stock paper at least 8.5 x 11
 - Extra paper and supplies to make more than one book.
- Awl
- Scissors
- Self-healing matt
- Needle nose pliers if you have a pair on hand
- X-acto knife
- **This is needed for each book created:**
 - Chipboard double ply or book board. This can be purchased at Dick Blick, Hollos Papercraft or All Media in Kent, Ohio. Preferred that is double or triple ply chipboard or bookboard
 - Exact measurements for these supplies will be released before class start.

WHERE TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES:

Dick Blick, Hollos Papercraft, Cheap Joes, Jerrys Art Arama, Hobby Lobby, Amazon, All Media Art Supply (*locally owned in Kent, OH*)

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY:

(1979, Cleveland, OH) Jenniffer Omaitz lives and works out of her studio in Kent, OH. She holds an M.F.A. in painting from Kent State University and a B.F.A. in painting from the Cleveland Institute of Art. Omaitz is an Abstract Painter and Installation artist with a practice that spans over 20 years. In 2016, Omaitz started JC Marbling after 14 months of independent research and experimentation with the process. JC Marbling & Book Arts was founded to pursue the practice of marbling, book arts, and as a teaching outreach for the craft of marbling. She currently sells her handmade books and cards at the Morgan Paper Conservatory, BayArts in Bay Village, Ohio; Apple Tree Books, and the Minnesota Center for Book Arts to name just a few locations.

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