

The Coddiwomplers



We are Stuart and Emma and we are willow weavers based in South Norfolk. We make baskets and gifts using willow grown in Somerset as well as willow that we harvest ourselves in Norfolk and Suffolk.

Teaching is at the heart of what we do and we value the opportunity to share nearly 20 years of weaving experience and expertise. Through our fun, laid-back courses, we introduce children and adults to this traditional craft ~ developing skills while enhancing wellbeing. We run courses for venues and individuals, and we also host drop-in workshops at local festivals and events.

Coddiwomple means 'to travel in a purposeful manner towards an as-yet unknown destination' which sums up many of our walks and adventures through life. Having spent 25 years as primary school teachers, we are now following our passion to be willow weavers and we can't wait to see where this adventure takes us.



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Workshops at venues

We work with a range of venues across East Anglia to deliver courses and workshops. We run a good selection of workshops, from simple baskets through to Christmas decorations.



Our 2025 daily teaching charges are:

£500 for general courses

£550 for obelisk courses

£600 for a basket making day

This includes:

- 2 experienced teachers
- 6 hours teaching time (7 hours for a basket)
- preparation time, tools and materials
- up to 50 miles travel

We offer a variety of half day and full day workshops. These can be themed to match the season or the venue. Our most popular courses include:

- teepee bird feeders
- willow platters
- bird feeders
- stars
- a simple basket
- dragonflies
- large woven flowers
- boat trays
- Christmas decorations
- plant supports

We can generally accommodate up to 10 people in a workshop. We recommend that a venue charges participants £40 - £45 for a half day workshop, and £80 - £90 for a full day. This allows the venue to make a good margin, while keeping our classes affordable.

Weaving takes up a lot of space, so we need at least 6m x 6m, ideally with sturdy tables to work on. We love to work outside, but this only works in mild weather (weaving with cold fingers is no fun!) and we would need a back up plan in case of rain.



Venues are responsible for:

- taking bookings and payments
- advertising
- tea, coffee and biscuits
- setting up tables and chairs

Private workshops

We provide relaxed workshops for individuals and small groups. These are suitable for people with little or no experience of willow weaving, with a focus on fun and wellbeing as well learning some traditional basketry skills. Workshops are flexible and tailored to the age, needs and interests of the group.



Our 2024 fees are:

£500 for a full day (up to 6 hours teaching time)

£300 for a half day (up to 3 hours teaching)

£200 for a short session (1 1/2 hours teaching)

Our fee includes:

- 2 experienced teachers
- teaching for up to 10 people at a time
- preparation time
- tools and materials
- up to 50 miles travel for a full day, 25 miles for a half day or 15 miles for a short workshop.

£100 deposit required upon booking.



Venue

If you have a suitable space, we are happy to travel to you. Weaving can take up a lot of space so if we are working with a group, we need at least 6m x 6m, ideally with sturdy tables to work on (though we can bring tables). We love to work outside, but this only works in mild weather (weaving with cold fingers is no fun!) and we would need a back up plan in case of rain.

If you do not have a suitable venue, we are able to book our local village hall (dependent on hall availability). This is in the village of Thompson near Watton, Norfolk. **If you would like us to book this venue, our total charge will be £650 for a day, £400 for a half day, £250 for a short session.**

Festivals and events

We have a full festival set up and we attend many festivals and events around East Anglia. We have a large gazebo in which we set up an inviting workshop area, alongside a stall selling our willow crafts.



Outside our stall we provide free activities for event attendees including a line of willow hats for families to try on and a giant hoopla set. Our gazebo is 6m x 4m behind which we park our campervan. Our pitch size ideally should be at least **10m x 8m** to allow our workshops to spill out the side on sunny days or to accommodate extra shelter when rainy.

Drop in workshops

We offer a range of drop in workshops suitable for all ages and abilities. Prices range from £6 for our simplest activities such as a willow bird feeder, through to £30 for a boat shaped basket. Our workshops are high demand, with many people returning every year to make something new.



Hats

We have a set of willow hats, crowns and ears that we set up outside our stall for people to try on. They are incredibly popular and have featured in thousands of selfies!



Hoopla

When space allows, we set out a giant hoopla set. Despite being a simple game, it is usually in constant use throughout the day - popular with families and groups of friends alike.



We have public liability insurance.

For a sense of what we can offer an event, head to our social media pages and take a look at our festival posts.