

Kroting - a Norwegian Decorative Technique

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Bring for the Kroting class:

- Tracing paper
- Scissors
- 6" or 12" (transparent are best) rulers
- Soft pencil and a good white eraser
- White graphite paper
- Scotch tape or painter's tape that doesn't leave a lot of adhesive behind
- Woodenware - basswood pieces - (see below)
- V-tool - several sizes work: 2mm or 3mm, 1/8" or 9/64" Bring whatever you have. Make sure they are sharpened ahead of time.
- a strop to hone your v-tool, if you have one; otherwise, you can use mine
- Any Celtic, old Norse, Viking, rosemaling, design books/ coloring books you may have. I have lots you can use, but would love to see any you might have!



Optional Supplies:

- lamp
- pencil and paper for taking notes
- camera, if you wish
- a piece of gripping shelf liner to hold your piece down securely
- Optivisor or magnifier you can wear for close work, if you feel you need it

Sanding and painting must be done ahead of class time!

- Keep in mind the wood should be a soft wood, preferably basswood, with fine or no grain. Hardwoods do **not** work.
- Sand your woodenware. Basswood is really the best kind of wood for this technique.
- Paint your objects with a couple coats of acrylic paint. Use a dark color (dark shades- dark blues, greens, reds, etc), your design will stand out better on dark. Do not put a finish on.

You can bring scrap painted basswood pieces if you like for practicing throughout the day, or if you want to eventually krot a box, plate, etc, the two places I get my basswood woodenware are:

Vesterheim has unique basswood objects that are suitable for these projects. Some, not all, of their woodenware can be found on this page: <https://store.vesterheim.org/search?type=product&q=woodenware>

Lusk Scandia Woodworks also has special pieces (make sure you order well ahead of time, at least 2 months, the owner is very busy supplying places) - <https://www.luskscandiawoodworks.com/shop-2/>

Feel free to email me at rebeccahjem@gmail.com if you have questions!