AKS eStudy Group
Comprehensive Treatise of Braids I: Maru-dai Braids, by Makiko Tada
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Tools & Supply List

- Marudai
- Weighted tama - I will be using 70 gram tama, however 50 to 100 gram tama can be substituted as long as all the tama in the braid are the same weight.
- Tama leaders, crochet cotton or any thin cotton cord, leader making tutorial included in class
- Counterweight - a weight bag or slotted scientific counterweights
- Chopsticks - or - double pointed knitting needles, total of two. You will need one to attach threads to at the start the braid and another one to secure the braid during braiding.
- Waxed linen or cotton thread
- Scissors
- Measuring tape
- Blue painter’s tape to fasten chopstick to the underside of the mirror
- Optional: A fine point awl (Tulip brand is the best)

Fiber & Materials List

You can work with any fiber that you would like and have on hand.
- Pre-cut Japanese fibers, silk or Biron (imposter), are my preferred fiber of choice, however just about anything else will work, including: Rattail, embroidery floss, yarn, etc.

*Beads will not be used for this eCourse as the focus is on understanding braid structures.*

Prerequisite:
Participants must have a copy of the book and Maru-dai equipment as listed in the Tools & Supply List.

*Important Note:* The books out of print and are in very short supply. I’ve checked with other suppliers and my limited supply may be the only ones currently available, link to my online store:
(A new printing is in the works but a release date has not been determined, they will not be available in time for this eStudy Group.)

Experience Level:
This is a Marudai only course, students should be familiar with basic marudai use and set-up.

Overview: This eStudy Group will be taught in four lessons. The eCourse material for each lesson will be made available on different dates.
Lesson 1: Available on February 23, 2019
Lessons 2 and 3: Available one to two weeks later respectively
Lesson 4: I will be working directly with Makiko Tada, while I am in Japan, so this last lesson will be released either while I am in Japan, or shortly after my return, April 15, 2019