



The Parramatta Female Factory Friends Inc
presents
**TWO COLONIAL WORKSHOPS -
STRAW PLAITING & BRAIDING**

Making a replica of a Sun Bonnet like the hats made and worn by Female Convicts led by the talented Lyn Watkins, crafter and descendant of Factory women. Straw plaiting was one of the numerous occupations of the convict women transported to the Colony. There were many women in the Female Factory with this skill. Household items and practical goods were made of straw – hats and baskets and all manner of uses. A plaited straw sun bonnet or hat was an essential item of clothing and was trimmed and adorned with a ribbon.

WORKSHOP 1 – Saturday, 23 March 2024 at 10 am to 1 pm (Part 1) Cost \$15 plus \$15 for the craft kit. Just bring your craft scissors and a tape measure

In the first workshop, participants will learn how to braid and form a crown of the hat.

Homework - Make enough braid (at least 9 metres) to complete the forming of a hat at Workshop 2 on 25 May 2024.

WORKSHOP 2 – Saturday, 25 May 2024 at 10 am to 1 pm (Part 2) Cost \$15

In the second workshop, the forming of the hat will be completed, and more braid will be made to trim and finish it.

Bookings are essential – places are limited.

Click on this link to book on Eventbrite:

bit.ly/4a0SjkD

Where: Parramatta Female Factory Friends Rooms
5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta

Please note: No parking onsite - limited on-street parking

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