

ARROWMONT

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Weaving

Instructor: Demetrio Bautista Lazo

Dates: October 5-10, 2025

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Journey to the heart of Oaxaca, Mexico, and immerse yourself in the rich tradition of Zapotec weaving from the renowned town of Teotitlán del Valle. This workshop offers an opportunity to learn the time-honored techniques passed down through generations of Zapotec artisans. New to weaving or an experienced practitioner, this workshop will guide students through the foundational techniques of Zapotec weaving, working with authentic materials, such as hand-spun wool and natural dyes like cochineal, indigo, and other locally sourced pigments that have been used for centuries in Oaxaca. Students will also learn the cultural and symbolic significance of traditional patterns, deeply rooted in the Zapotec heritage, and how they reflect the beliefs and stories of the community. Students will leave having completed their own hand-woven piece, a tangible connection to the artistry of Teotitlán del Valle, as well as the skills and knowledge to continue exploring the rich weaving traditions of the Zapotec people.

WHAT TO BRING

- Some fibers of your choice (yarn, alpaca, silk, etc.). No need to bring everything, just a few to work with. Two plies or single if you have
- Pair of scissors
- Wide tooth comb with no handle
- Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)

Planning to purchase materials from the Supply Store for your workshop? Keep in mind that the Supply Store carries a limited selection and cannot guarantee that all materials listed by your instructor will be in stock. Please call **865-436-5860 Ext. 25** or email Celeste Rudd at crudd@arrowmont.org to reserve your selection prior to arrival.

MATERIALS FEES | **\$115.00-\$180.00**

Fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class, this keeps your out-of-pocket costs lower than a typical flat fee. Fees include all provided studio materials as assigned by the Instructor. Material fees are to be paid in the Supply Store no later than midday on the last day of workshop instruction.

Please be advised that the above course description and materials list has been written and approved by the instructor.

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