

# Harakeke (NZ Flax) Weaving with Birgit Moffatt

## Workshop 1 1 July 2017 10am-4pm

- introduction to different types of harakeke and their uses
- overview of the tikanga (protocol) and methods of harvesting
- learn some basic techniques
- construct and complete a small basket (kono)

This workshop is suitable for **absolute beginners** with no previous weaving experience. In this workshop you will be given some handouts with general information around traditional flax weaving.



## Workshop 2 15 July 2017 10am-4pm

- preparing harakeke (leaves are provided)
- weaving a kono, konae (two corner kete) or a whariki (mat), using different techniques



## Workshop 3 5 August 10am - 4pm

- preparing harakeke (leaves are provided)
- weaving a range of putiputi (flowers)

Workshop 2 and workshop 3 are suitable for people with a basic understanding of flax weaving or who have done Workshop 1 previously.

Materials and tools for all workshops are provided; bring a notebook and/or camera if you wish to take notes (recommended)

**Where:** Fibre Art Studio, 32 Parenga Road, Otaki Gorge

**Cost:** \$ 70 (bring your own lunch), drinks and snacks included

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I am a fibre artist and passionate about weaving with flax since I first touched it. My husband taught me raranga harakeke (flax weaving) when I came to New Zealand in 2011, and in 2016 I gained the National Certificate in Maori Art(raranga).

I feel privileged to be able to learn about Māori culture through weaving and speaking and I am looking forward to meeting you and sharing my knowledge of this beautiful art with you.

Ko koe kī tēna, ko ahau kī tēnei kīwai o te kete (by working together we move forward)