

BROOM MAKING RESOURCES

Content Note: Some of these may contain dated language and information



FOR MAKING BROOMS

Swept Away: The Vanishing Art of Broom Making, Karen Hobbs, 2017

Buy a Besom Broom: The Story of A Broom, William Henry Young, 1976

“Brooms of Our Own”, Jessica Lewis Stevens & Michelle Housel, Taproot Magazine #43, 2021

“Cake Tester Broom”, Amanda Lee Lazorchack, Taproot Magazine #54, 2022

Foxfire 3, Elliot Wigginton, 1975

YouTube playlist [LINK](#)

FOR GROWING BROOMCORN

Broom-Corn and Brooms, 1887/1912 (Reprinted 2000)

Farmers' Bulletin No.1631: Broomcorn Growing and Handling, USDA, 1930

Broom-Corn Culture, Arthur Gillett McCall, 1912

The Story of Broomcorn, Arthur Martin, 1970

The work of Dr. Sam Moyer/The Jersey Jerry Broomsquire

Even Martha has some info [LINK](#)



Instagram

@broomtime

@only_brooms

@brooms of asia

@brooms_of_asia

@brooms of the world

CASUAL READS ON BROOM HISTORY

Early American Brooms, Warren Olney

How the Broom Became Flat, Slate Magazine

Besom Brooms in Europe, Old and Interesting

Broomsticks and Material Cultures of Cleanliness in American Slavery, Tyler Parry

Jumping the Broom, AAREG

The Meaning of Brooms, Snyder's Brooms

The Folk Art of Brooms and Broom-Making, Duncan Farmstead

How Products are Made: Broom, Nancy E.V. Bryk

COMMON BROOM MAKING MATERIALS

Sorghum vulgare

Sorghum bicolor

Straw

Tampico

Rice

Linen

Palm

Bamboo

Horsehair

Birch

Raffia

Bear grass

Tiger grass

African broom straw



BROOMMAKING SUPPLIES

Caddy Supply Co. [LINK](#)

PelRay [LINK](#)

Craftsteading [LINK](#)

La Espiga [LINK](#)

Meckley Brooms [LINK](#)

Jill Choate Basketry [LINK](#)

BROOMMAKING KITS

Sunhouse Craft [LINK](#)

Hearth Craft Brooms [LINK](#)

Arcola, IL annual broom festival and competition!
<https://www.arcolachamber.com/broomcorn-festival>



ARTICLES ON CRAFT BROOMMAKING

[Since When Were Brooms Such a Cool Craft?](#), Sarah Baird, Architectural Digest, 2021

["This Kentucky College Has Been Making Brooms for 100 Years"](#), Liz Logan, Smithsonian Magazine, 2020

[A Broom Maker Legacy](#), Inside Appalachia, 2018

["How Did Brooms Become the New Ceramics?"](#), Katy Schneider, New York Magazine, 2018

["Lessons in the Humble Art of Broom-Making,"](#) Deborah Needleman, NYT, 2018



PLACES WHICH HAVE OFFERED BROOM MAKING CLASSES/DEMOS

John C. Campbell Folk School, North Carolina

North House Folk School, Minnesota

Cedar Root Folk School, Washington

Ozark Folk Center State Park, Arkansas

Michigan Folk School, Michigan

Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center, Georgia

Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Tennessee

Penland School of Craft, North Carolina

Ox-Bow School of Art, Michigan

A Workshop of Our Own, Maryland

Sunhouse Craft, Kentucky

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky

Shaker Museum, New York

Canterbury Shaker Village, New Hampshire

Enfield Shaker Museum, New Hampshire

Hancock Shaker Village, Massachusetts

Old Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts

Historic Deerfield, Massachusetts

CRAFT PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE FEATURED BROOM MAKING

Berea College, Kentucky

Bethany College, Kansas

BROOM MAKER PUBLICATIONS + RESOURCES (PAST AND PRESENT)

Yahoo Group

[LINK](#)

Facebook Group "broom makers"

[LINK](#)

Broom Makers Directory

[LINK](#)

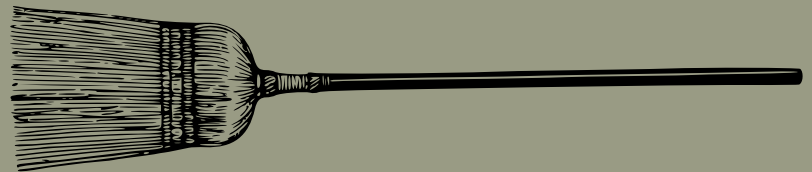
Broom, Brush, and Mop Magazine

Broom Makers News

Broom and Broom Corn News

The Broom Maker

(Official Journal of the International
Broom and Whisk Makers' Union)



A note on nomenclature:

A person who makes brooms is called a broomsquire.

Broommaking or broom making? Broommaker or broom maker? Broomcorn or broom corn? What about hyphenation? To tell you the truth, I don't know. I've seen just about every variant in resources. Go with what feels right.

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