The Maker’s Space had its breakout year last year, designed to showcase and give hands-on demonstrations of the wide world of craft. In a society dominated by machine-manufactured products, the Maker’s Space is the antithesis, perhaps even a salve. There are still plenty of folx out there that make things by hand, spending years developing the skills and techniques to produce one-of-a-kind items, wares, and tools. Moreover, in many ways, craft arts have been able to introduce and absorb new technologies, advancing the skillfulness of the art form while updating it without sacrificing the legacy and creativity of the craft itself.

So often, festivals like ours rely on music, dance, and food—all of which are important—but we also want to emphasize that the folk tradition of making things is part and parcel of this experience. Rooted in this is the DIY mentality. Whether it's basket weaving, ceramics, or wood carving, these hands-on activities have origin stories from all around the world.

By providing this Maker's Space, we are hoping to encourage and instill a sense of wonder and imagination in our own creative imaginings and curiosities. As well, we are hoping to pique people's interest in the deep well of resources and organizations that teach and engage those curiosities around the city, county, state, and region.

Like the rest of the festival, these hands-on activities will be free and open for all ages to participate! We invite you to be one of our Master Makers and join us for this year’s festival. Crafts may include but are not limited to:

- Glass Blowing
- Stop-Animation
- Book Binding
- Ceramics
- Sewing/Knitting/Crochet
- Wood Carving
- Basket Weaving
- Origami
- Luthiery
Some important items to bear in mind when applying:

- All booths should have a hands-on component for the audience
- We will do our best to accommodate all technical needs (i.e. power access, chairs & tables etc) but can't guarantee all requests. For the best success, please be as clear as possible about your needs in your application.
- You are welcome to set up a store component, as we believe it’s important to be able to sell your craft, however, there must be a hands-on component to this booth.
- This is a festival for all ages, so please consider this when proposing your ideas. This should include safety, accessibility, and skill-level.
- This area is accompanied by a music stage. We will make sure that programming is complementary, but please consider this when applying.
- This space is adjacent to the “Artists at Play Playground” so please expect a younger audience.

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