

Hanji retreat June 8–12, 2026

5-day immersive workshop in a dedicated papermaking studio* taught by [Aimee Lee](#)
Located in the walkable college town of Oberlin, Ohio, full of amenities



Techniques covered

- Understanding plants/fibers appropriate for Korean-style paper
- Fiber prep: scraping, cooking, rinsing, picking, beating
- Webal sheet formation (suspended frame, professional tools: bal & bal teul)
- Ssangbal sheet formation using a variety of student tools
- Pressing, boarding, drying paper

Included in \$2,250 fee

- Aimee's full-time instruction with experienced assistant
- Instruction from 10am–4pm (lunch break from 12:15–1:15pm)
- Materials & handouts
- Small class size to maximize webal vat practice
- Customized instruction around hanji topics

Not included in tuition

- Travel: fly into Cleveland Hopkins airport, or drive to the studio (in [Hales Gymnasium](#)).
- Lodging: Oberlin has [a hotel](#) and B&Bs ([this one](#) has rooms for \$140/night + breakfast). Or, you can stay at [a new dorm](#) next to the studio for \$55/night; linen packs (sheets, blanket, pillow, towels) are a flat fee of \$30 (total stay for 6 nights: \$360). Private rooms include a shared bathroom & kitchenette (fridge, sink, microwave). Dorm reservations open in March but you can indicate preference when you put down class deposit
- Meals: Oberlin has a plethora of [local eateries](#) and grocery options
- Car rental/local transportation: or, rideshare from Hopkins and walk the rest of your stay
- Shipping costs if you want to mail paper home. Hanji is dry the day *after* it is made.

To reserve your spot, 50% deposit (\$1125) is due now; full tuition due by May 18, 2026. No refunds after May 18 unless your space can be filled (full refund before May 18 minus a \$250 fee for cancellation).

*The paper studio is in a basement down half a flight of stairs with no elevator. It does not have air conditioning, though it is cooler than upper floors and we have dehumidification + fans. There is a full-sized refrigerator to store food or ice, but no microwave or coffee machine.

Sample schedule (not including videos, images, viewing/handling objects & hanji):

Mon: Intros, fiber discussion, cooking Thai bark, scraping Florida bark, rinsing & scraping Thai bark

*Optional lunchtime visit to Oberlin's museum for [a paper exhibit](#) that includes Aimee's art

Tues: Rinsing/scraping Thai bark (2nd batch), cooking Florida bark, beating Thai bark

*Optional lunchtime visit to Oberlin's special collections to view Asian paper at the main library

Wed: Cleaning/beating Florida bark, beating Thai bark, set up vats and start sheet forming demos

Thurs: Webal and ssangbal formation, pressing, boarding

Fri: Dry sheets off walls, sheet formation, pressing, boarding

For more information, and to register, please email contact@aimeelee.net.

In 2026, generously funded by the [Friends of Korea](#), there is one (1) need-based scholarship that covers most of tuition. It requires a \$250 non-refundable deposit. For consideration, please email Aimee with the following:

1. Tell me about yourself and any prior papermaking experience
2. Why do you want to join Hanji Retreat?
3. Please share a statement about your financial need, recognizing you will need to cover your travel costs.

The most competitive applications will be from people who genuinely want to learn to make hanji so that they can continue making and using it in the future, as a major part of their lives or careers. This scholarship is not for those who want a fun, one-and-done experience. Applications due by Jan 28, 2026, though I reserve the right to select a qualified candidate prior to the deadline on a rolling basis.