Thank you for purchasing the bucket basket bag kit from lolo Basketry.

Kit Contents



Raffia tape 5m & a big sewing needle.



Raffia thread for binding.
(It's used as thread the big sewing needle, like sewing.)



Inner drawstring bag
(Can not be used by itself)



Leather handle
(Cowhide)

Introduction



It is pre-nitted like in the picture showing its outside.Look at this side to sew it clockwise.



This is the inner side of the bag.
(You can see the beginning of the raffia cord in the center.)



Joining knot
(Tie two thread together," hata-musubi"
(refer to Youtube) then that's better.)
※To make it easier to understand,red raffia thread is used in the pictures.



The part in circled area is called "Amime" and will be explained in following sections.

How to make

1



When sewing the top row.

2



When sewing the bottom row.

Sew with the sewing needle through the raffia. Be sure to run the needdle from bottom.The one that has already been sewn is called the bottom row, and the one that will be sewn is called the top row, as explaine below.
Basically, the same color circles facing each other are sewn together as shown in **3**. The bottom part of the bag needs to be flat, so sometimes you need to skip "Amime" without sewing and sew ● (the red circle) and ● (the red circle) in **4**.(See Explanation Figure A) It is easier to check if you place the bottom part on a flat surface to see which "Amime" and which "Amime"to sew together or skip to make it flat eventually.

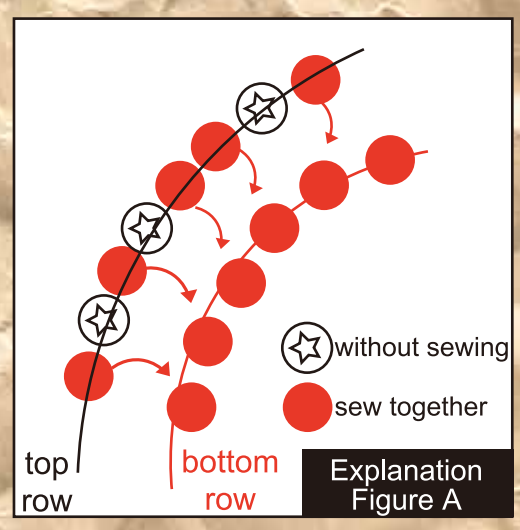
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Depending on the size of the "Amime" and the amount of force used when sewing, there may be no skipping, or there may be skipping of two "Amime", so there is no regularity. If the "Amime" in the top row is not skipped, the bottom of the bag will rise up instead of being flat,as shown in **5**.



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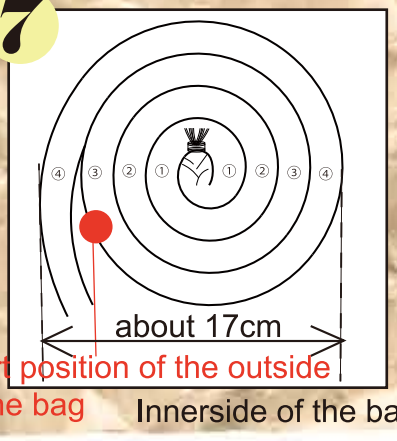


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6 is the fourth circle of the sewing. ● (the black circles)are where you skipped a "Amime". There is no rule for hou many "Amime"to skip, but you can use this as a guide.
※To made it flat, only skip "Amime" in the top row.
Not in the bottom row.

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Looking at the innerside of the bag, please start to make the outside of the bag when 4 symmetrical rows are made. ● (the red circle)is the start position of the making outside of the bag. The diameter of the circle is about 17cm.
Do not cut the extra part of joining knot that is extended of your raffia, but continue sewing. The extra part of the joining knot can be trucked inside or cut off after the whole bag is completed.

It is OK even it is on the surface from now.

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Establish outside of the bag : While looking at the outside of the bottom part, 90° angles to establish. (The edge of the cord is visible on the inside of the bag.) From this point on, proceed without skipping any “Amime”. As explained in 4, we’ve been trying to make it flat by skipping some “ Amime”, but from here on, we’ll be sewing every single “Amime” together.

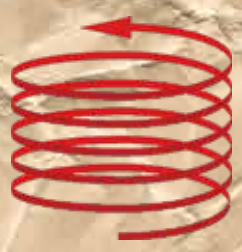
If you pull the raffia thread tightly with some force, the raffia thread will not be visible. (Photo 10)
After establishing and finishing 1 circle of outside of the bag. (Photo 11)
Continue in the same manner to the end of sewing every “Amime”.
The height of the finished product may vary depending on the number of “Amime” skipped on the bottom of the bag and the sewing force.

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Spinning around and around to make the outside of the bag.

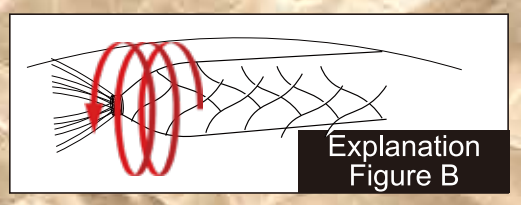
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Handling the end of the sewing : If you leave the cord as shown in 12 , the tip of the cord will be visible, so sew the cord to overlaps with inside as shown in 13. Stitch the raffia over the cord so that it is not visible. Fix the tip of cord by wrapping it on to the bag.(Explanation Figure B)



14



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The actual raffia thread for sewing is a natural color, so it is not as noticeable as in the photo.(Photo14)
Finally, sew a few stitches onto the basket and cut the raffia teread. There is no need to tie a knot at the end of the thread.

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Finished!!



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Attaching handle : Thread one stand of raffia onto the sewing needle and sew from the innerside of the bag.(16)
Leave 7~8cm of raffia on innerside of the bag and sew 3~5 times back and forth in the same way as buttoning.
When the raffia comes into the inner side of the bag, tie a knot with the first 7~8cm of raffia thread.

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