

## Weaving: Threading a needle.

### EQUIPMENT: What you will need



### SAFETY: How to stay safe

Make sure there is enough light for you to see properly.  
Needles are sharp and can hurt people. Be careful not to leave them lying around.  
When you are not using them, cover the sharp ends by wrapping them in cloth or sticking them in a cork. Put them in a container, small box or pencil case.

## Threading A Needle

### Pick a thread

Pull a strand of raffia from the hank.

**Fold and trim raffia**

Fold the raffia in half and cut the ends off where they start to get thin and weak.



**Thread**

Thread one end through the eye of the needle and pull the raffia through to make a double strand.



## Tips: Threading the needle

Some women thread a single strand of raffia; others thread a few strands at a time into the eye of the needle. It is a good idea to start your basket with a double thread as it makes it stronger. You can thread a single strand into the eye and pull it through to make it double strength or thread two strands together at the same time. You can experiment with using two colours at once if you like.

