

## Weaving: Finishing a basket. How to finish your basket.

### EQUIPMENT: What you will need



Basket



Scissors



Needle

## Finishing a basket

### Ways to finish off a basket

There are two ways to finish off your basket.

1. Cut the grass at an angle so that the coil you are working on slopes towards the one below.

**OR**



2. Instead of adding in more grass, let the grass you are oversewing thin out until there is nothing left.



## Making a neat finish

Oversew until all the grass is covered up and continue to sew for a few more stitches.



## Tidy away the ends of the thread

Thread the raffia back underneath the last few stitches to hide the tail and make sure it stays tight.



### Trim the leftover

Cut the raffia tail off close to the edge of the basket.



### Complete

When the basket is finished, you may want to decorate it with feathers or seeds, or leave it as it is.



## TIPS: Oversewing threads

It is important to make sure that the raffia oversewing stays tight so that your basket is strong. If you cut raffia too close to the edge of the basket before you have tucked the tail under, the raffia may come loose and start to unravel.

Some women make baskets with thick coils, others use thin coils. You will find it easiest if the grass coils are the same thickness as the raffia coils you started your basket with.