

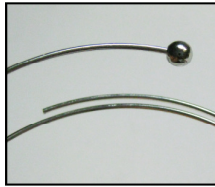
"Memories in Leather"

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Materials needed: 1mm leather cowhide cord, embroidery needle, metal crimps, clasp and E6000 or other fast drying gel glue is recommended (not liquid). Flat nose pliers, scissor and memory wire cutter.

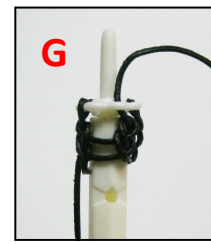
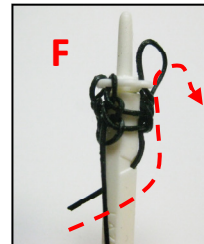
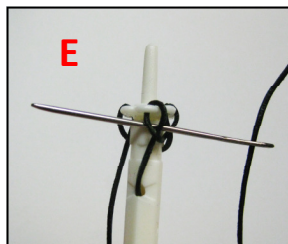
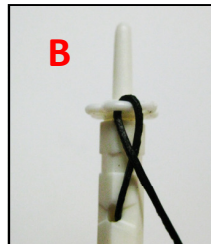
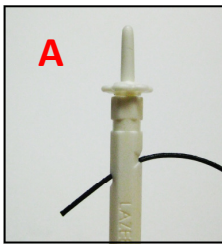
Memory wire: With the glue, add the 4mm half-drilled silver steel ball to one end of the memory wire. Set aside.

Preparing the leather: Uncoil the leather cord and cut into 6- to 7-foot lengths. Check the cords to see if there are any obvious breaks or cracks in the leather. If so, do not include those areas in the weave.



Viking Knit with Leather

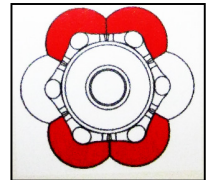
Optional: Leather is porous and can become brittle. Add a few drops of olive oil onto your hands. Apply a light coating of oil onto the cording. Allow the oil to set for about 20 minutes. Wipe off any excess.



Note: There are six loop holes on the Daizee head. This project is made with four loops.

Refer to the Viking Knit basics instruction sheet for the looping technique and weave. Before starting, you may find it helpful to watch the free instruction videos at StephanieEddy.com.

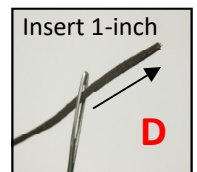
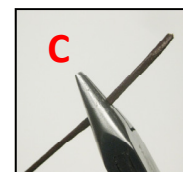
4-Loop pattern



Viking Knit Weave: Insert one end of leather cord into the anchor hole about 1-inch. **A**

Form a loop (by hand). **B** Form a second loop. Skip a hole on the Daizee head, then continue forming (by hand) two more loops, for a total of four loops.

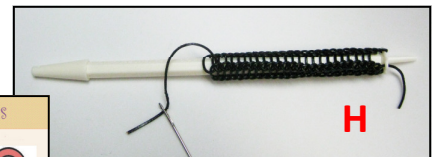
Use flat nose pliers to flatten about 1-inch of leather at the long end of the cord. Insert into the needle about 1-inch only. **C-D**



Begin the Viking Knit weave around the base of the tool. **E**

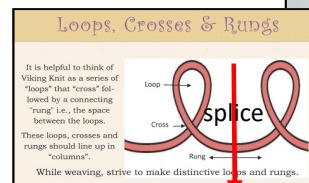
Weave two rows then pull the anchor hole cord out the top of the Daizee head. **F-G** Trim to 1".

Continue weaving until about 1 1/2" of cord remains. **H**



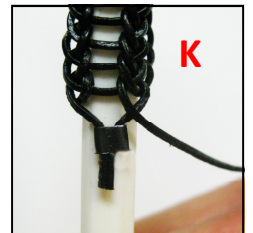
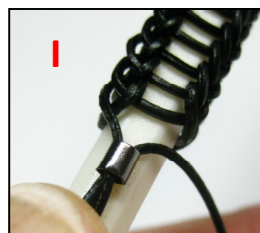
Adding/Splicing additional cord:

The splice is made on the rung, which is the space between two loops.

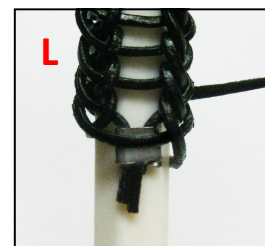


Insert the remaining 1 1/2" cord and 1 1/2" of a new 6 to 7-foot cord into a crimp. Align so the crimp sits in the rung space between two loops. **I**

Lightly press the crimp closed using flat nose pliers. Press too tight and the crimp may cut the cord. Cut both of the cords leaving about 1/8". **J-K**



Flatten the end of the new cord and thread the needle. Continue to weave over the splice. **L** Add all additional splices in the same column as the first splice.

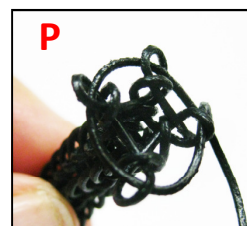
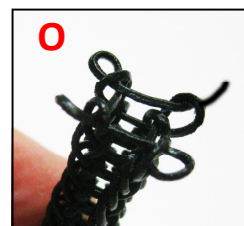
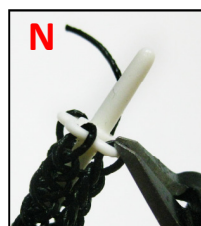
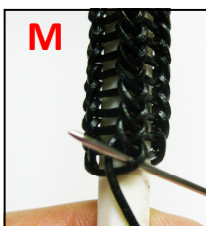


Moving the weave: As you continue the weave, you should occasionally move the Daizee head from the top of the rod so that you will have more working room on the rod.

This is best accomplished by gently twisting the weave and pushing upward. The tool head will release from the rod and move with the weave.

Try to avoid stretching the weave—it will be easier to feed the weave on to the memory wire if the weave is not stretched.

The final weave—before stretching—should measure no longer than 12 to 13 inches.



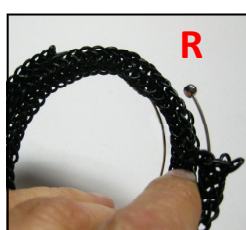
Finish techniques: Bring the needle through the last loop and knot. **M** Twist the weave off the rod. Glue the knot.

Remove the Daizee head by cutting the top loops above the head. You will have 4 loops and a single cord. **O** Slowly pull the single cord to remove loops one at a time until you reach 2 inches of free cord.

Thread the single cord through the loops. **P**

Tighten and make a knot —do not close or block the hole in the weave. Glue the knot.

Memory wire: Ball end first, feed the wire through the un-stretched weave. **Q**



Once all of the weave is on the wire, use your fingers to gently stretch the weave along the length of the wire. Do not to lengthen past the end of the wire. **R**

Cut off the 4mm ball guide. ****** Add an end cap onto the wire, large end first.

With glue add the half-drilled rhinestone ball embellishment to that end of the memory wire. Let dry. **S**

Using a toothpick, or other object, add gel glue between the end cap and the rhinestone ball. (fast drying gel glue works best). Let dry. BE PATIENT. **T**

Spread gel glue on the inside of the end cap and insert it over the end of the Viking Knit weave. Let dry. BE PATIENT******

Again, smooth/stretch the Viking Knit along the memory wire. Trim the memory wire leaving 1/2" exposed. Repeat instructions between the ****** asterisks.