

FILL-THE-GAP

The set-up:

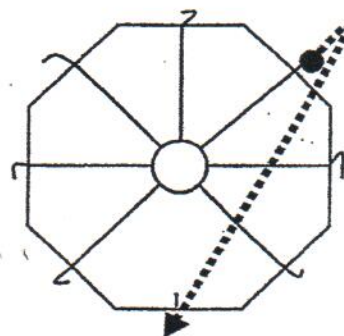
Put the knot through the center hole and hold it with your left hand under the card while you spread out the seven threads and set them in the nicks. There will be one empty nick, "the gap."

How to braid:

Hold the card with the gap at the bottom, towards your tummy. If you think of the card as a clock, the gap will be at 6 o'clock.

1. Lift the thread at 2 o'clock out of its slot.
2. Move it down, jumping over the next two threads.
3. Set it into the gap - as in "fill the gap."
4. Rotate the card clockwise until the new gap is at 6 o'clock.

*Left-handers hold the card in the right hand with the gap at the top (12 o'clock) and move the thread from 7 o'clock *up* to 12 o'clock.



Mini Kumuhimo Braiding

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2. At one end of your cut yarns, tie a knot; tie on your key ring here or other charm.
3. Push the yarns thru the hole in the disk, the knot will hold them underneath, at the bottom of the disk.
4. From the hole, on the top side of the disk, put one yarn in each slot of the disk; you will have one empty slot.
5. Position the empty slot towards you at a six-o'clock position. When you turn the disk as you weave, always position the empty slot at 6 o'clock.
6. Move the yarn from the 1 o'clock position to the empty 6 o'clock position.
7. Turn the disk so the empty slot is at 6 o'clock again.
8. Move the yarn from the 1 o'clock position to the 6 o'clock position; turn the disk again.
9. Keep repeating the weaving to move from 1 o'clock to 6 o'clock. Pull down on the knotted end under the disk every so often.
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