Make a 4-strand or 6-strand plaited leather bookmark.

Resources

- Leather thonging
- Light string or linen thread

Instructions

1. Follow the instructions provided in the relevant diagram below.

Resource Preparation

Leather Thonging

| | 3 mm flat | $1.49/m | Spotlight |

Cut into lengths as required for specific project.

Two 80 cm lengths of thonging (folded in half to create 4 'strands') will make a 4–way plait ~24 cm long (10 cm thong → 8 cm plait), with ~8 cm left to knot the ends neatly.

Three 1 m lengths of thonging (folded in half to create 6 'stands') will make a 6–way plait ~28 cm long, with appropriate excess to weave back into the plait to finish the ends.

Item

| Brand/Part Number | Size | $Cost | Place of Purchase |

Preparation details, comments *etc.* as appropriate.

Four-strand Plait

Start by tying two long strands together in the middle with some string. (This can be removed later.)

Bring the outside left over and into the centre.

Bring the outside right under then over and into the centre.
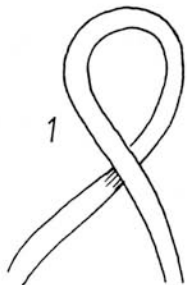
Bring the outside left over and into the centre.

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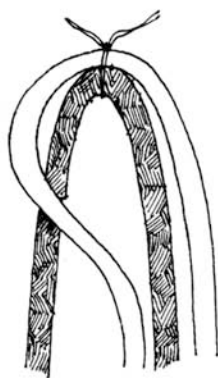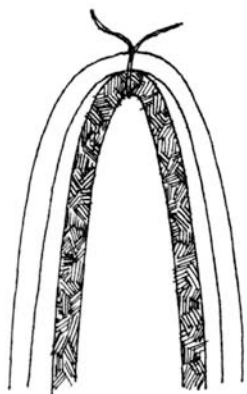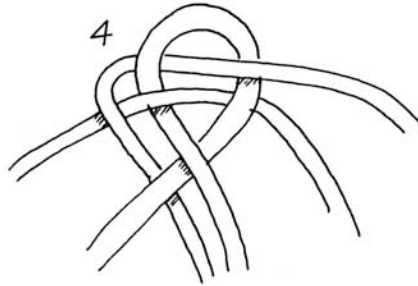
Repeat till you have finished.

Six-strand Plait

Cut your cord or string into three equal lengths.

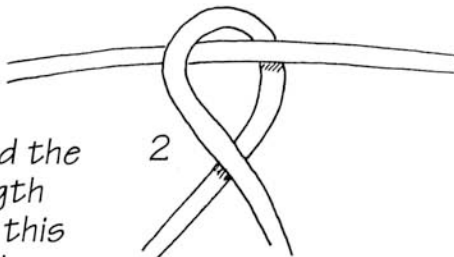**1** Make a loop in the middle of one of the lengths, with the left strand crossing over the right.

2 Thread the next length through this loop, under then over, through till it is in the centre.

3 Now thread the remaining length through the loop, below the second length - but this time over then under.
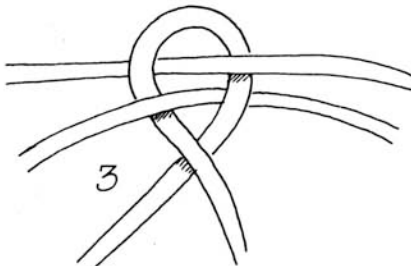
Pull up firmly and flatten.

4 Take the outside left over then under to the centre.

5 Take the outside right under, then over, then under to the centre. Tighten it all up by pulling the cord through a little at a time.

6 Take the outside left over then under to the centre. Tighten a bit more.
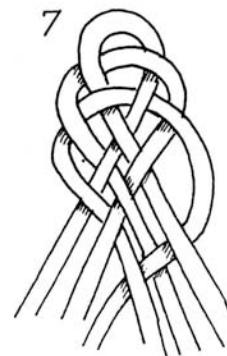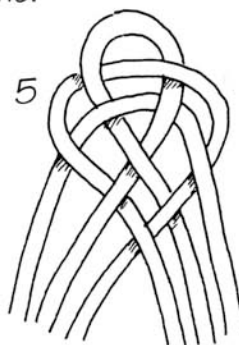
7 Take the outside right under then over to the centre.

8 Keep repeating to the finish, keeping it tight and even