

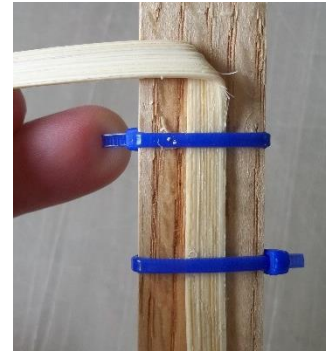
Braided Handles

All three styles of handles are started in the same manner.

Place a mark 5 ½" from the base up the handle on each side. This will be the starting and ending point for each braid.

Cut a lasher from ¼" FF that is 115". Soak the lasher in warm water for 1 minute.

Start the lasher on the *inside* of the handle with the GOOD side of the lasher toward the handle. Leave a 3" – 4" end tail on the lasher below the 5 ½" mark on the handle. Cable tie the lasher to the handle with two cable ties below the 5 ½" mark. Miter the lasher at the 5 ½" mark to the left if you are looking on the inside of the handle or to the right if you are looking on the outside of the handle. (Photo shows inside view)



From here decide which handle you would like to weave:

Style 1: Simple Twill: Cut four pieces of dyed binder cane that are 15" long.



There is no need to wet the cane unless it is too curled to work with.

Wrap the handle three times with the ¼" FF lasher. The lasher will be tight together with no space between each lash. Keep tension on the lasher as you weave. Start the four pieces of dyed binder canes with the BAD side UP under the lasher on the outside of the handle. The pieces of cane will be tight together and centered on the handle.

Wrap one more time around the handle and the cane together.

The fifth wrap will weave UNDER the dyed cane on the right and OVER the left three pieces of cane.

The sixth wrap will weave UNDER the two dyed pieces of cane on the right and OVER the left two pieces.

The seventh wrap will weave UNDER the three dyed pieces of cane on the right and OVER the left piece.



The eighth wrap will weave OVER the right dyed piece of cane and UNDER the left three pieces.

The ninth wrap will weave OVER the two right dyed pieces of cane and UNDER the left two pieces.

The tenth wrap will weave OVER the three right dyed pieces of cane and UNDER the left piece.

You will continue the same weave repeating the fifth wrap row thru the tenth wrap row until you are 1" away from the 5 1/2" mark on the other side of the handle. The last 1" of the handle will be wrapped going over all four pieces of dyed cane. Trim the dyed cane to lay under the last four rows of weaving.

Miter the lasher on the inside of the handle and secure the end of the lasher to the handle with two cable ties.



Style 2: Double Cross: Cut two pieces of 1/4" FF 16". There is no need to soak these two pieces unless they are twisted or curved. Begin the 1/4" FF lasher following the steps above.



Wrap the handle three times with the 1/4" FF lasher. The lasher will be tight together with no space between each lash. Keep tension on the lasher as you weave. Start the two pieces of 16" pieces of 1/4" FF with the GOOD side UP under the lasher on the outside of the handle. The 16" pieces of 1/4" will be 1/4" apart and centered on the handle.



Wrap two more times around the handle and the 16" pieces together. (five wraps altogether)

Cut two pieces of medium cane @ 46". Soak the cane in warm water for 2 – 3 minutes. Start the soaked pieces of cane UNDER the 16" pieces with the BAD side of the cane facing UP. Center the cane under the 16" pieces.



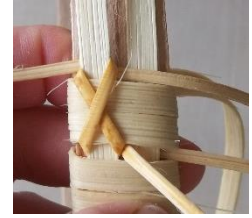
Ignoring the cane for a moment, wrap the handle with the 1/4" FF lasher above the cane for **two** wraps.

Double cross stitch: You will work one piece of cane at a time. You will ALWAYS want to take the RIGHT half of the piece of cane first when you cross. This will make all the crosses the same all the way around the handle. The pieces of cane are close together in the center of the handle. When braiding, be sure to braid with the correct piece. You may want to hold the pieces you are not working with to the side so they are not in your way.

Working with the piece of cane on the left, take the right half and cross it over the 18" piece to the left so the GOOD side of the cane is facing upward. Miter it UNDER the 16" piece with the bad side up and back to the right. Pull the cane taught.



Repeat with the left half of the same piece of cane. Cross the left half of the left piece of cane over the 16" piece to the right with the good side facing up. Miter the cane UNDER the 18" piece and bring it back out on the left with the bad side up.



Repeat with the right piece of cane, crossing with the right half first.

Wrap two more times around the handle and the 16" pieces together. NOTE: There is a 1/4" gap where the cane is inserted and the wraps with the lasher.



Repeat the double cross followed by the two wraps all the way across the handle ending 1 1/2" from the 5 1/2" mark on the other side of the handle. BE SURE TO KEEP TENSION ON THE LASHER AND THE CANE ALL THE WAY AROUND THE HANDLE.

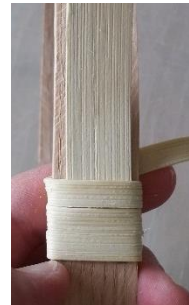
The caning will end 1 1/2" away from the 5 1/2" mark under the 16" pieces of 1/4". Finish wrapping the handle to the 5 1/2" mark with five wraps. End the lasher with a miter as you did at the beginning of the handle.

Style 3: Triple Braid:

Cut a piece of 5/8" FF @ 16". There is no need to soak this piece unless it is twisted or curved. Begin the 1/4" FF lasher following the steps above. Place a second mark on the handle that is 7 1/2" from the base on each side. This mark will be where the braid with cane will start. Begin the 1/4" FF lasher following the steps above.



Wrap the handle three times with the 1/4" FF lasher. The lasher will be tight together with no space between each lash. Keep tension on the lasher as you weave. Start the piece of 5/8" FF with the GOOD side UP under the lasher, centered on the outside of the handle.



Wrap a total of eight times around the handle – until the 7 1/2" mark.

Cut three pieces of medium cane 50". Soak the cane in warm water for 2 -3 minutes.

With the BAD side up, center one piece of cane under the piece of 5/8" FF.



Wrap one time around the handle and 5/8" FF. With the BAD side up, center a second piece of cane under the piece of 5/8" FF.

Wrap one time around the handle and 5/8" FF.

Repeat with the third piece of cane.

Wrap one time around the handle and 5/8" FF.



To braid, you will be weaving with the piece of caning on the bottom left to start. Take that bottom piece and cross it over the handle to the right. Insert the piece between the 5/8" piece and the handle, bringing it out to the left.



On the bottom right, you will be repeating the opposite process. Bring the bottom right piece over the handle to the left. Insert it from the left to the right between the 5/8" FF piece and the handle.



You will repeat those two steps as you work your way up the handle. The left bottom piece of caning first; then the right bottom piece of caning.

Stop braiding when you have reached the opposite 7 1/2" mark.

Continue wrapping with the 1/4" FF piece over the 5/8" piece and handle. Trim the 5/8" piece to hide under the wrapper. Continue wrapping until you reach the 5 1/2" mark. Miter the end and hold with two cable ties.

When the caning dries, cut the ends to hide under the 5/8" FF piece.

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