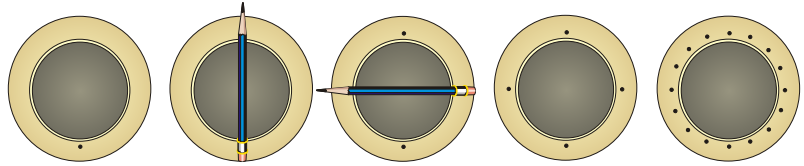




Pine Needle Rims

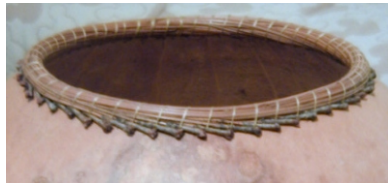
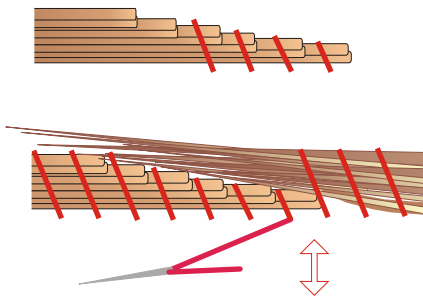
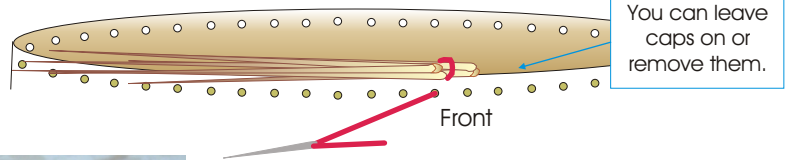
(1) Mark and drill holes large enough for your cord. Holes should be about 1/4 to 1/2 inch down from the rim edge and about 1/2 inch apart. You can guesstimate them using the "half & half method shown above. If guessing the halfway point is difficult for you, use a centering ruler to find the halfway point between marks.



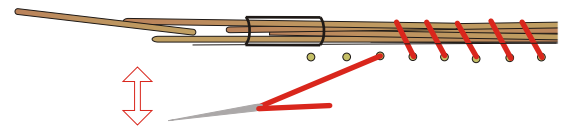
(2) Thread your needle with sinew and tie the end around two of the needle clusters. Leave the caps on the clusters if you like, or remove them if you want a smooth, clean coil. Lay the tied bundle on the rim with the loose sinew end to the inside. Pass the needle through from the inside of the bowl to the outside (towards you). See drawing below.



(3) Pull snugly, holding needles in place with your other hand. Add two more clusters to the front of the first two. Stitch them on by passing the needle over the coil and into the next hole from the inside of the bowl.



(4) Continue adding two clusters per stitch until you return to the beginning. Continue stitching over the original stitches until the last needle is stitched down. Tie a knot in your thread and run the needle through the coil for an inch or so to bury it before clipping.



(5) If you are using needles without caps and want to hide the ends, add them behind the coil or tuck them into the coil as you go. A coil gauge might help you maintain a consistent size coil. If you are using capped needles, make sure they lie in a nice pattern as you go.



(6) Option: you can reverse direction and go back over all the stitches, creating a v-shaped stitch when viewed from the side.

