

Bobbin Winding

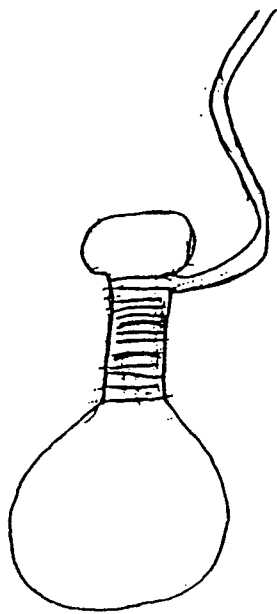


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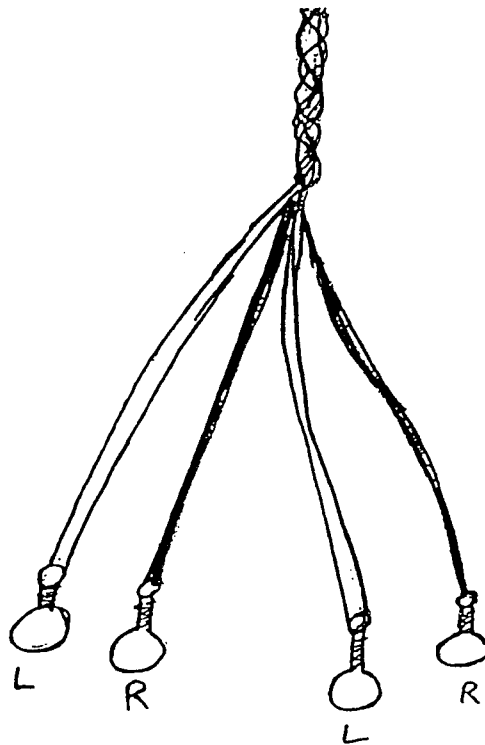


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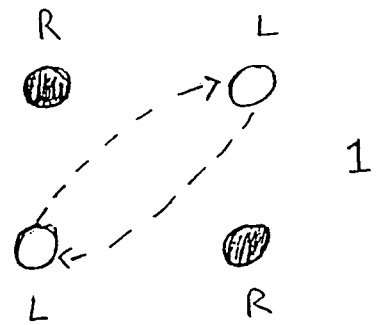


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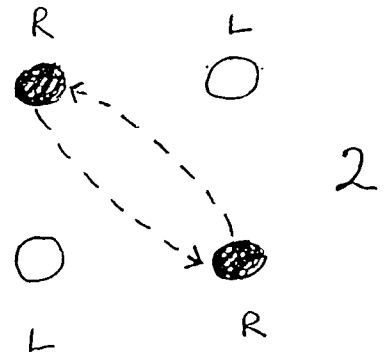


Fig. 4.

Bobbin winding has been used for many thousands of years and is still used in Iran and Israel to make decorative cords.

You Will Need:

4 winding bobbins coloured wool 2 people

To Prepare the Bobbins:

Choose two colours of wool and measure off two lengths to the required length plus an extra 30cm. Tie each length of wool to each bobbin and wind it on, leave a length free securing it to the bobbin with a loose loop (fig. 1). Tie the four free ends of wool together near the end and suspend the bobbins from a hook above your head.

Bobbin Winding:

Two people stand opposite each other. Each takes a bobbin with the same coloured wool in their left hand and the other coloured wool in their right (fig 2). To make the braid, swap over the bobbins in your left hand with your partner (fig. 3). Now do the same with the bobbins in your right hand (fig. 4). Continue like this until you run out of free wool. Unwind some more wool from the bobbin securing it with a loose loop. Continue winding (if you finished winding with the left hand remember to start again with the right). Carry on like this until the cord is the length you want.

To Finish:

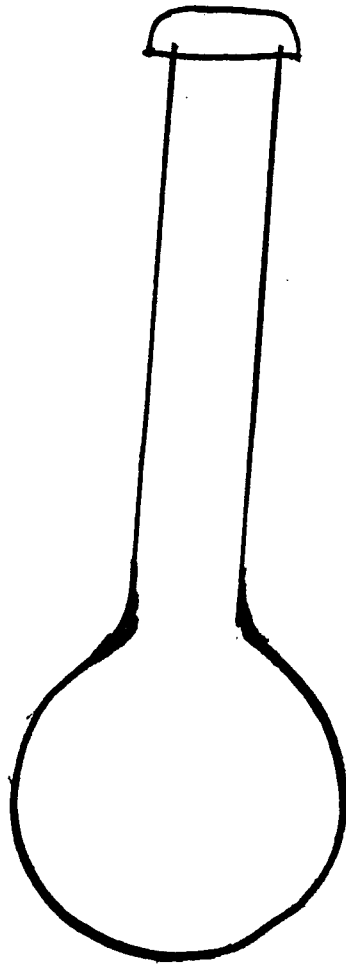
Unwind the wool from the bobbins and tie a knot near the end of the braid.

Different patterns:

By using different coloured wools you can make lots of different colour patterns.

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Bobbin Winder Template



As required.

Beech is a good material to use for woodturning the bobbins.

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