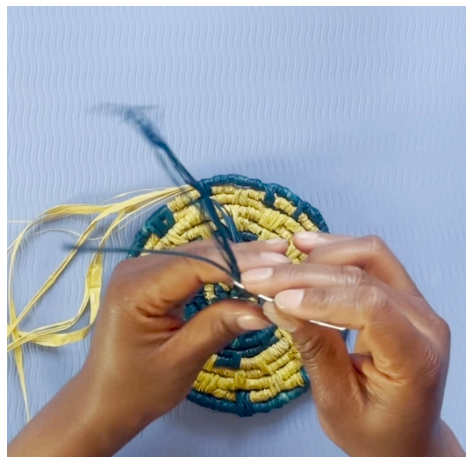
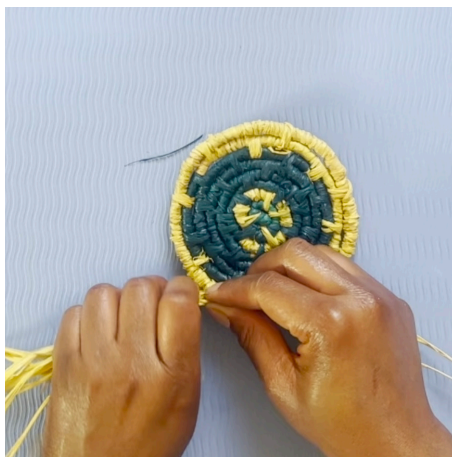
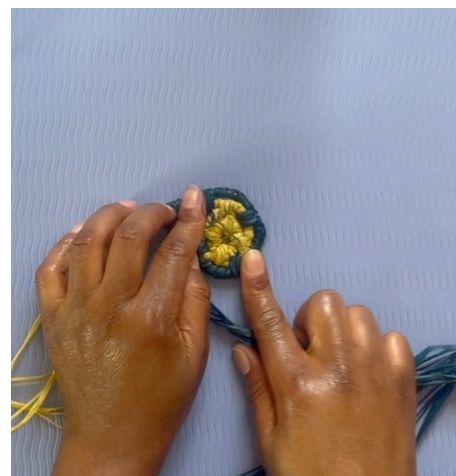
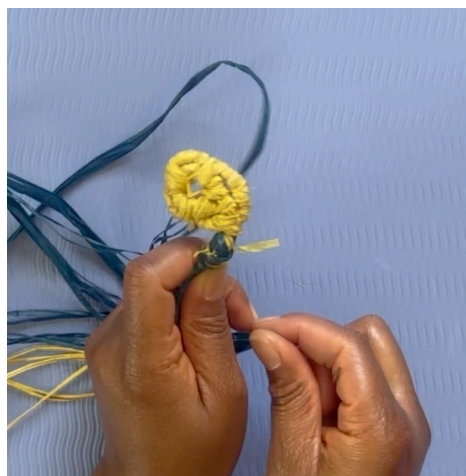
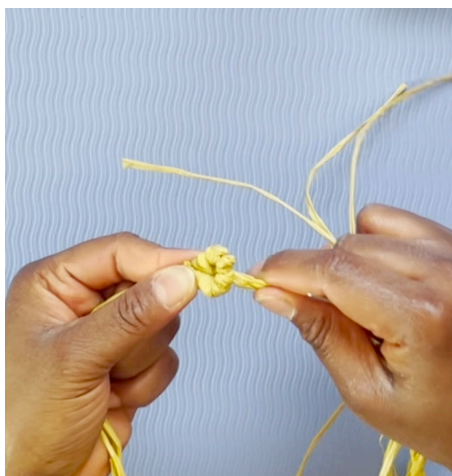


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Welcome to Family Art & Science Encounters with the Kennedy Museum of Art and the OHIO Museum Complex! This month, we're diving into the art of Raffia Basket Weaving. Led by graduate student Amina Kassim, we will take you start to finish to build your own Raffia Basket Weaving!

MATERIALS



Raffia



Embroidery Needle



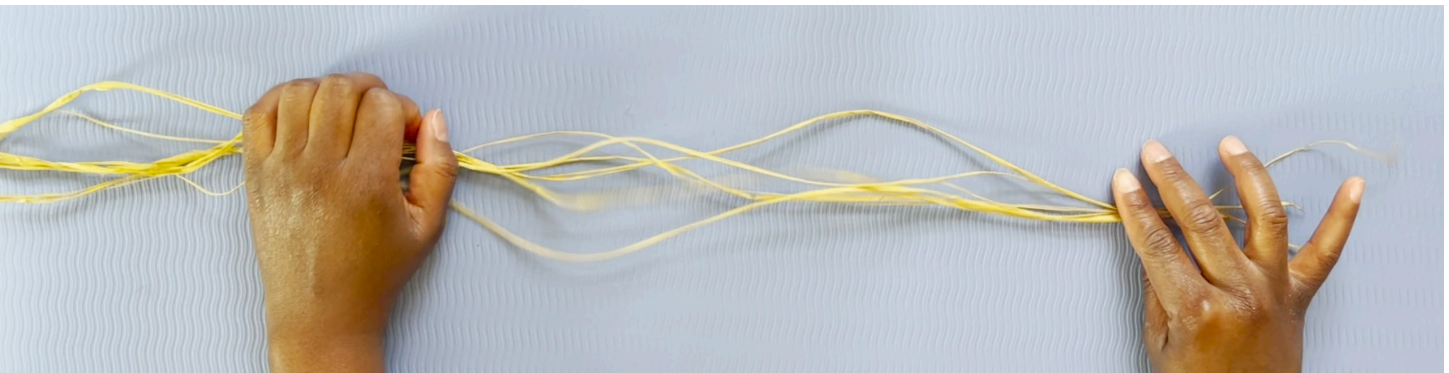
Scissors

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Prepare Raffia

Pick out 4 or 5 long strings of raffia. These strings will be your "base raffia."

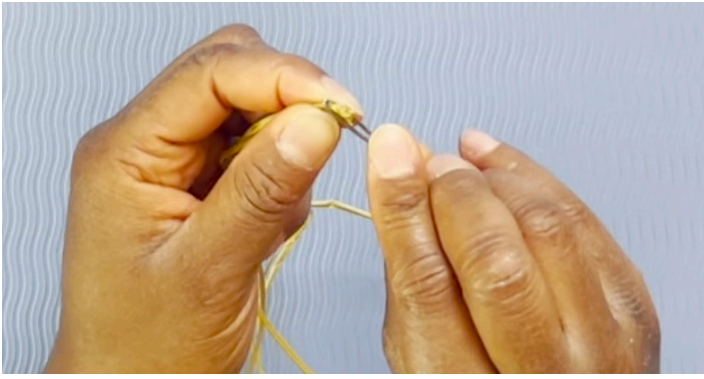
Grab 4 more strings. This is your "thread raffia."



Step 2: Wrap the Base Raffia

Start by trimming the ends of your thread raffia and thread them through your embroidery needle. Gather and trim the base raffia.

Wrap the thread raffia tightly around the base raffia, continue wrapping until about 2 inches of your base raffia is wrapped.



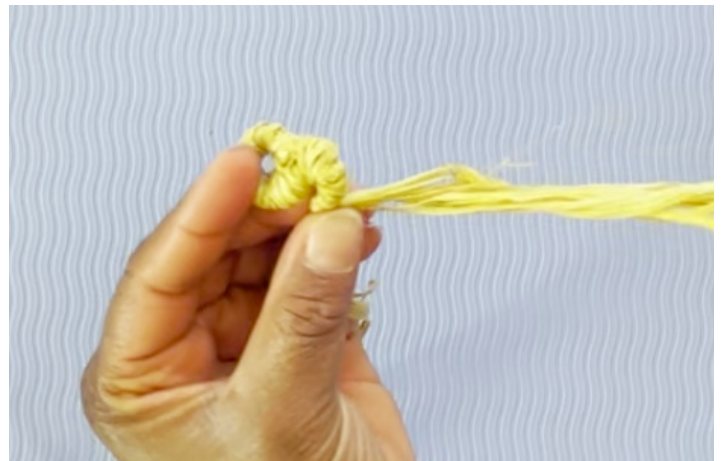
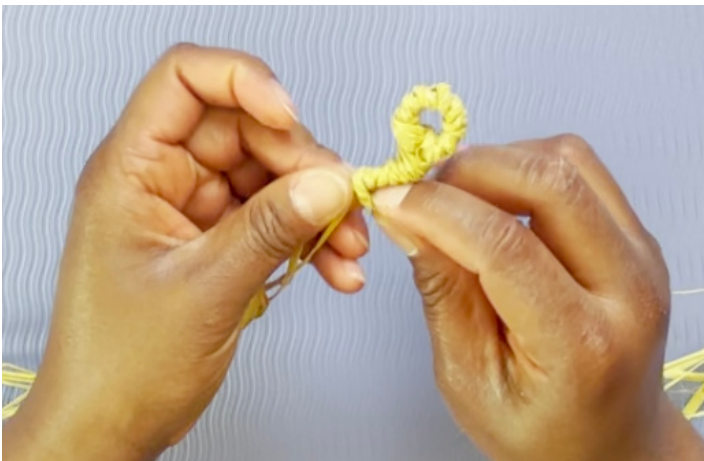
Step 3: Form the First Ring

Wrap your thread raffia around the ends, making a loop. Tie a knot to secure the loop.



Step 4: Form the Second Ring

Start weaving by wrapping around the base raffia about 10-15 times, then bend it along the loop.

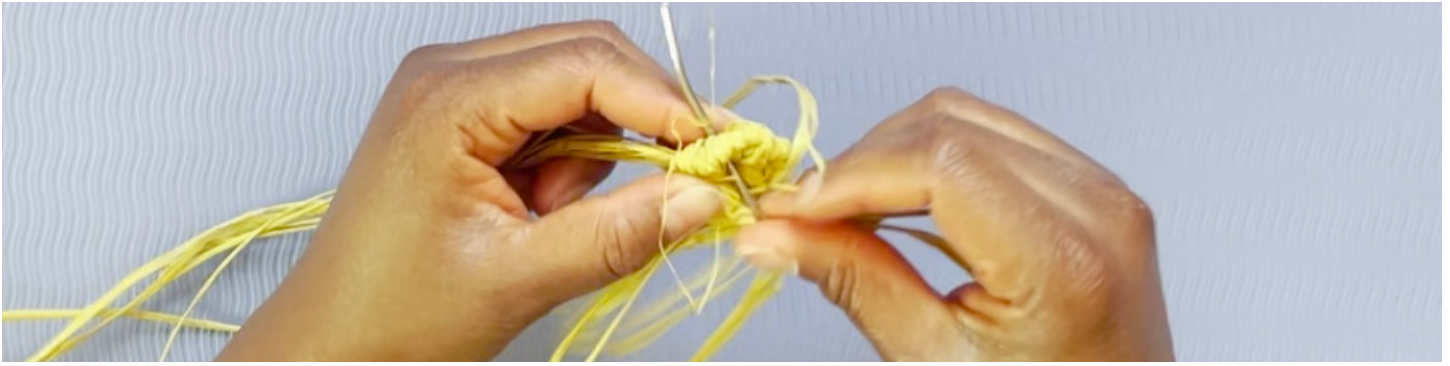


Step 5: Build the Base

Pass the threaded needle through the center of the loop to secure this ring to the previous ring, then continue wrapping 10-15 more times.

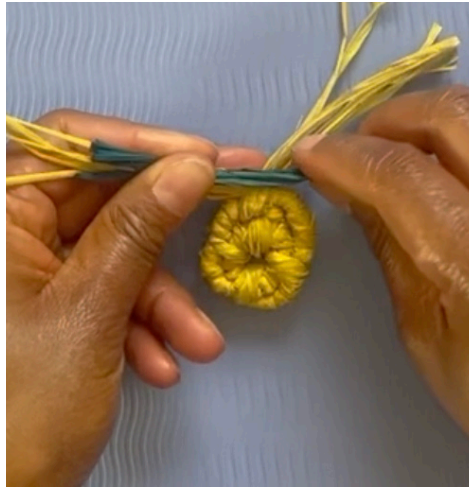
Repeat this step until the second ring is formed.

Repeat Steps 4-5 until the base of the basket is as wide as you want it to be.



When you run out of thread raffia, leave 2 inches of the base unwrapped. Get 4-5 new strands of raffia and align the ends with the 2 inches of the base and continue wrapping with the old and new thread raffia together.

This is a great place to change raffia colors for a striped basket!



Step 6: Build Walls and Finish

To weave the basket walls, repeat Step 2, but instead of building the rings out flat, build it upward on top of the last ring of the base.

Once your basket is the desired height, trim the excess base raffia and use your thread raffia to sew into the ring below 10-15 times.

On your final stitch, tightly pull two of the thread raffia all the way through, while leaving a little loose in the rest. Use the first two strands to tie a double knot with the loop you created.

Trim the ends, and your basket is done!



Thank you for joining us on this month's Virtual Family Art & Science Encounter! When you finish your projects, make sure to tag us on Instagram at: [@KennedyArtMuseumEDU](https://www.instagram.com/KennedyArtMuseumEDU) or tag post to our Facebook group: [Kennedy Museum of Art Experiences Group](https://www.facebook.com/KennedyMuseumofArtExperiencesGroup).