

All Wound Up - How to Coil Reed

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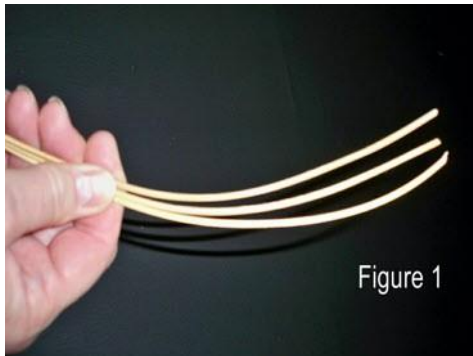


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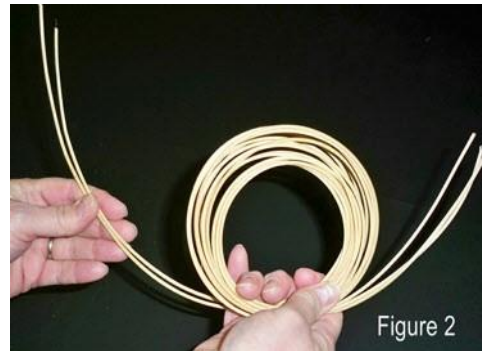


Figure 2

Figure 1: Gather the ends in one hand and make them even. Leave a tail of 8-10”.

Figure 2: Start coiling the reed into a circle...size and number of reeds dictates the size of the coil but for just a few strands a 5-6” diameter should do. Stop coiling when you have an 8-10” tail left (reeds are not usually even so have 1 or 2 at this length)

Figures 3 and 4: Wrap one set of tails over the coil, down through the center, around the outside of the coil and back to the center. The number of wraps will depend on how long you left the tails.

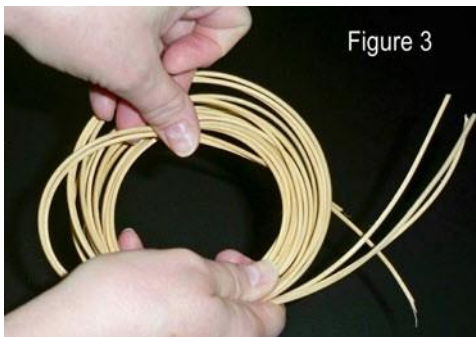


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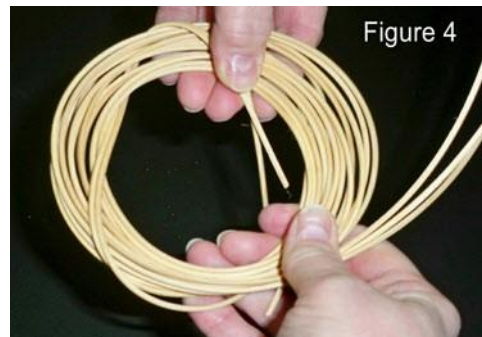


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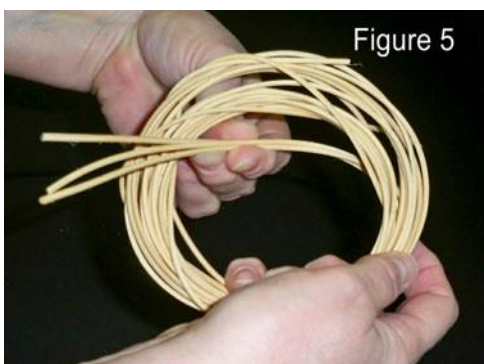


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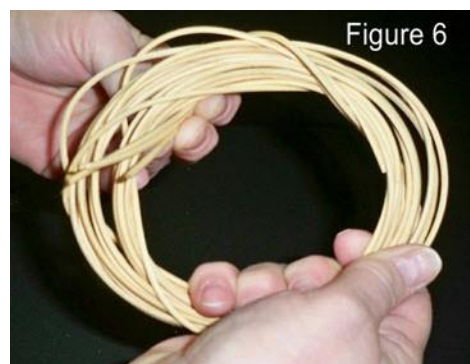


Figure 6

Figures 5 and 6: Wrap the other set of tails in the *opposite manner* – under the coil, up through the center and over the outside of the coil.

It doesn't matter which set of tails goes over first and which goes under first – it *is important that they go in the opposite directions in order to create tension*. The length of the tail varies based on the number of reeds being bundled – the fatter the coil, the longer the tails. Voila! All wound up!