

MAKERS MANUAL #12

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LIST OF THINGS

- Rope
- Scissors
- Tape
- Objects as molds such as household containers

BIO OF THE DESIGNER

Wendy Andreu is a craft designer who aims to communicate through the materials she is using. By experimenting with them, she finds surprising outcomes that can be translated into functional design proposals. In her research, the context has as much importance as the concept, without forgetting the quality of the making and the aesthetic of the pieces.

FURTHER READING

- Local rope dealer: <http://www.arthurbeale.co.uk/>
- Inspiration for other type of knots and maybe personalize your basket's design.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y-fFo0-1u1M>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-jl5F6iUZ_s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yM-RNeqomLjE>



INTRODUCTION

The rope baskets are easy to make at home. It is a textile technique that doesn't require any sewing machine or skills related to textiles. The idea for this Makers Manual is to create the textile AND the object at the same time. The mold around which the object is made can be as simple as a bucket. The rope could be thin cotton rope, technical polyester rope, colorful or plain, strong or fragile... Each object takes some time to produce, so plan some hours for making a piece.

STEP 1

Take an object-mold, this could be any household container, I have used a bucket for this example.



STEP 2

Place it upside down, you may want to secure it to a surface to make it easier to work with.



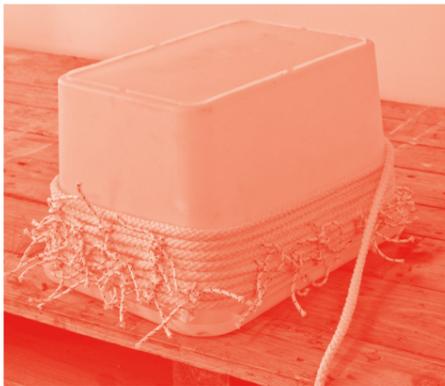
STEP 3

Tape the beginning of the rope to the bottom of the mold.



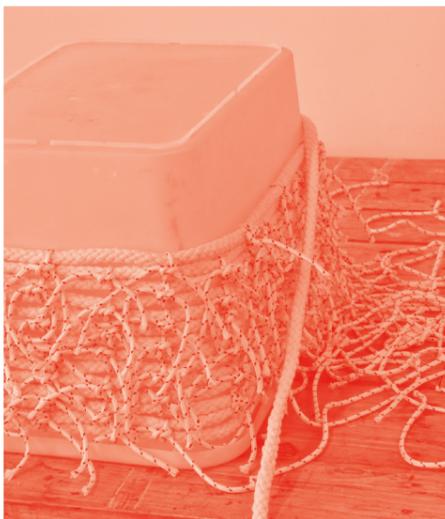
STEP 4

Coil the rope around the object a few times.



STEP 5

Now tie the coiled rope together with smaller pieces of rope, make sure you make a strong tie at the beginning of the rope with the first coil.



STEP 6

As this will be the rim of your bag you may want to factor in handles or shoulder straps when tying your coils together.

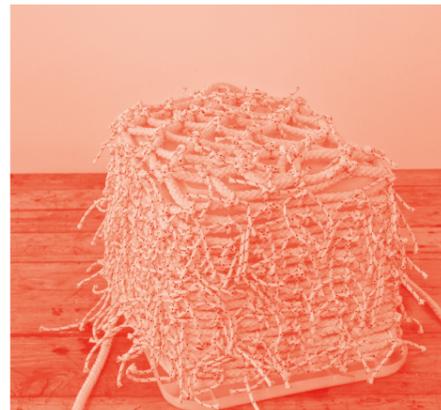
STEP 7

First tie rope 1 and 2 together, then tie 2 and 3, then, 3 and 4 and so on. The pattern of tied ropes should be staggered as shown in the illustration at the top of the manual. You may also want to experiment with different tying patterns and methods for connecting the coils.



STEP 8

Continue with this technique up the sides of your mold.



STEP 9

Once you reach the top you will need to begin coiling your rope on the horizontal surface of your mould following exactly the same tying technique. Continue doing this until you reach the end of the shape.



STEP 10

Firmly tie the end of your rope to the previous coil, cutting any excess rope off. This will form the base of your bag.

STEP 11

Remove textile volume from mold.

STEP 12

If you did not incorporate a handle in the previous steps you can always add a handle using rope and knots at the end.



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