

Raffia Workshop Resource List

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Here are listed a couple of things you will need and a few suppliers you might like to use.

Needles:

You can use any needle that has an eye big enough to thread raffia. This can be a darning needle or the needle I use is a Chenille no 13.

Raffia:

Raffia is a great fibre to use and finding the right quality is benifical. Iry and find florist grade raffia if you can. Paper raffia is a different product so be careful what you choose. Raffia from Reject, \$2shops or cheap gift shops is often of an inferior grade. It looks very scrappy and might have woody pieces in it. The colour from raffia found in these shops often comes off on your hands too. Even the big super craft stores will sell cheap poor quality raffia.

Coloured raffia comes in different grades. There are a couple of different suppliers in Australia. If you know of any other suppliers other than Australia please let us know.

We have two preferred suppliers www.theraffiaconnection.com.au and www.stringharvest.com.au located in Australia and have great websites and ship worldwide.

Using other fibres if you can't find raffia.

Jute and string are good to use and you can throw in yarns and threads from your craft stash. Give it a go and experiment.

If you want to use recycled materials try our Textile Basket workshop as you can use all recycled materials and makes for a very cheap sustainable craft. https://craft-school-oz.teachable.com

Moulds:

If you are learning new skills on the Raffia no 2 workshop and in particular shaping around a mould you can have fun looking for unusual shaped bottles. I like to save juice bottles, medicine bottles and even larger ones that could be used as a vase. Look in your kitchen cupboards for large plastic jugs or even a cake tin that you can mould around.

If you have enjoyed the workshop don't forget to check out our other online courses; we have several to choose from https://craft-school-oz.teachable.com

Happy crafting and if you have any questions feel free to email me on the address above.