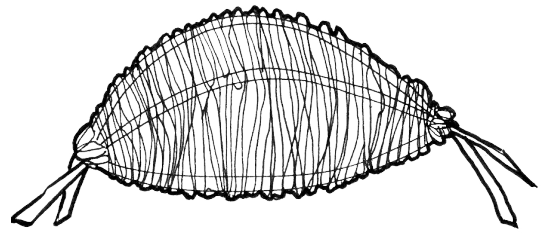
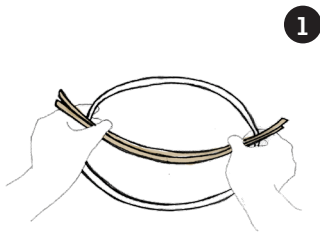


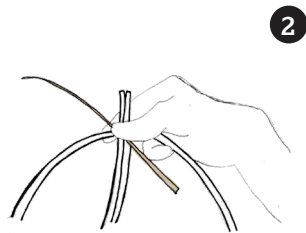
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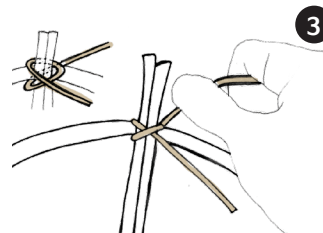
For this project you will need pre-soaked and mellowed 4 or 5 ft rods of willow (we mostly used Black Maul) and a willow hoop that you will make in advance by bending and twisting a 7ft long rod on itself. Make sure that you let the hoop dry before proceeding with the steps below, as this will help keeping its shape and structure.



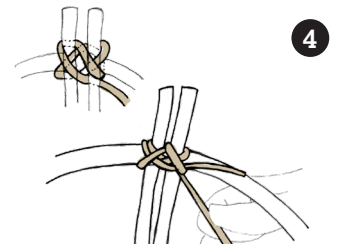
1 Use two thick ends of 5ft rods as ribs. Flex them gently and bow them lengthwise into the hoop.



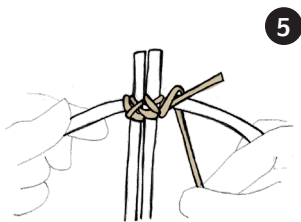
2 Use a thin weaving rod to lash the ribs to the hoop. Firmly hold the rod to the ribs with your thumb.



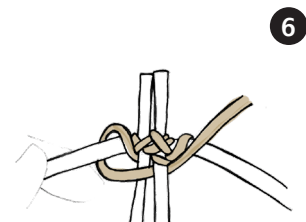
3 Criss cross the rod around the ribs **twice** (see picture). This rod will be your binder.



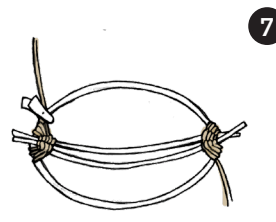
4 Criss cross the binder around each rib and hoop **twice**. To do so, go behind the hoop and then diagonally across the ribs (see picture).



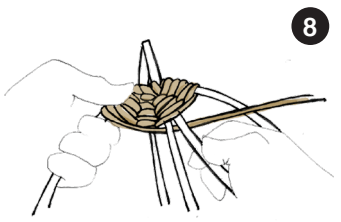
5 Wrap the binder in a criss cross fashion around each rib a couple of times (see picture).



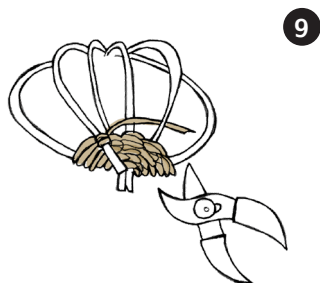
6 Using the rest of the binder, begin weaving starting from behind the hoop and weaving over and under each rib/side of the hoop.



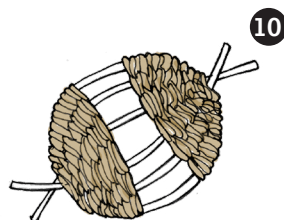
7 After a few weaves hold the rod in place with a peg and repeat steps 2-5 on the opposite side (make sure that the ribs stay bowed).



8 Add two more ribs between the initial centre ribs and the hoop by inserting them in the weave. You may need to use a bodkin to help.



9 Adjust and bow the new ribs and cut them to size before pushing them in between the ribs on the opposite side.



10 Keep weaving towards the centre. Add new weavers by crossing the butt end side of a new rod over the old one and hold it in place until incorporated into the weave.