



New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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Beginning Braiding & Knotting **Unit I**

Introduction to the Project and Objectives of the Project

Unit I is a beginner unit for members who have had little or no experience in braiding or knotting. In this unit, you will learn to braid leather and nylon parachute cord by using just the basic principles of braiding.

Included in This Project Are

- Unit 1 Beginning Braiding & Knotting, 100.F-13
- Record Sheets (at end of the book.)
- Beginning Braiding & Knotting Unit I Greentop,

Activities for the Year

This year you will:

- Participate in your 4-H club meetings.
- Care for your tools.
- Select and make three or more articles. (Suggestions in project book.)
- Practice simple braids and knots.
- Keep a record of project cost and new skills gained.
- Share information through talks, demonstrations and displays.
- Evaluate your progress with your leader.

What to enter in the Fair

- Exhibit Board 14" X 20" X 1/8" or 1/4" preferably peg board, to which you attach:
 - A. 7 Samples Showing:
 1. Stripping leather (some you stripped yourself).
 2. 3 and 4 strand wall knot.
 3. 3 plait braid with burned end if nylon, braided back end of leather.
 4. 4 plait flat braid with burned end if nylon, braided back end if leather.

5. 4 plait round braid with a wall knot tied at both ends.
6. 4 plait flat braid with a hand sewn stitch down the center.
7. 3 plait braid spilt out and back in.

NOTE: Be sure samples include both leather and nylon.

B. Three completed articles:

1. The following are suggested:
 - i. 3 plait key chain, head band, head stall, spit reins;
 - ii. 4 plait book marker, head band, round necklace or bracelet, flat or round hat band,
2. Label each article or sample and fasten it to the exhibit board.
3. Indicate whether the article was made from a kit or whether you made it and designed it.
4. Put your name, address, age, and county on the back of the exhibit board.

Citizenship and Leadership Activities

- Give a talk or demonstration to your club on one of the following topics:
 1. Your goals and experience for this year.
 2. The history of Braiding.
 3. Preparing materials for braiding.
 4. Careers related to braiding.
- Braid key chains and deliver them to the elderly.
- Help younger members in your county with their Braiding Project.

Other Projects you may Enjoy

- Braiding and Knotting II- become more advanced in your braiding skills.
- Macrame- practice some of your knotting skills.
- Leathercraft- explore another creative art project.

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