

THE USE OF RAFFIA FOR BAGS AND ACCESSORIES

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Raffia is a natural fiber that is produced from the leaves of the palm tree *Raphia farinifera*. Raffia can be natural and artificial. Natural fiber is a fiber obtained from dried palm leaves (*Raphia farinifera*), which are found in Madagascar and other parts of the world, for example, in Africa and South America. This tree has very large leaves that are harvested, cut and divided into long parallel strips. These strips are then dried to produce long strands of raffia. Raffia is a universal material of natural origin, which is successfully used in floristry, needlework and decor. Raffia fibers are soft, plastic and at the same time very durable, which allows the material to keep its shape well even when exposed to moisture.



If we talk about the strength and durability of raffia, then we can say that the thread does not tear across the fibers and things made of raffia can be dissolved and knitted again, that is, they can be used many times. It is perfectly breathable, which is especially important in the heat.

Wear—resistant practical yarn - dense, not prone to deformation, smooth and well dyed so as not to fade in the sun. A yarn bag must keep its shape and withstand a certain weight.

And for this, the thread is selected in two or more additions.

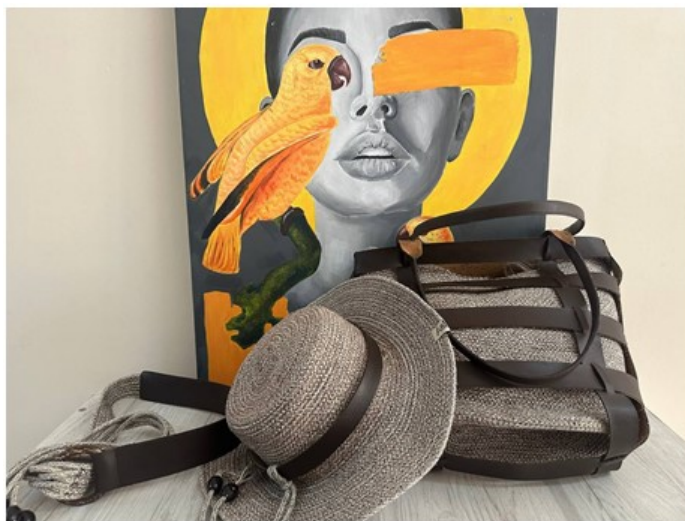
1st place is definitely raffia ISPIE Wellmay. Chinese raffia has won hearts. Its advantages are a huge color palette, from natural colors to colored and metallic shades. The

most convenient thing is that raffia bags can be wiped with a damp cloth. It is important not to wet the place too much, raffia does not like excess moisture. Dirt can also be wiped off with a soapy sponge. And then dry the bag, blot excess moisture with a terry towel. If the product is wrinkled, it can be ironed with steam with a not very hot iron (up to 1500 C), or treated only with steam and given the desired shape.

Since raffia is a natural product, it is very convenient, it is loved for its ease of processing and cheapness. Exotic straw is also used in accessories.

Jute yarn stores heat perfectly and has good noise-canceling properties. The natural golden shade looks nice even without coloring. Raffia is characterized by durability, environmental friendliness, resistance to rot, softness and elasticity. Raffia does not like water, so washing products made of this yarn should be as careful as possible. It is recommended to clean them manually using mild soap and warm water. After washing, the product should be gently wrung out, without twisting, and straightened into the correct shape, then left to dry naturally. Raffia is used to make decor for floral purposes, interior decorations, and raffia yarn is also used to create knitted items. Currently, palm leaves are used, a fiber obtained from cellulose by chemical treatment. The raffia for the use of bags is softened, the father-in-law washes off the raffia in the cloudy and passes through it with steam from a steamer or even just from an iron with a steam function. This softens the yarn and makes it more pliable to knitting. They are dried completely in suspension and knitted.

In this work, a bag and a hat were made of raffia. A 40 x 40 cm bag, which took only 65 meters of 5 mm braided cord with a sewing core.



The consumption of raffia was spent on an average hat of 100-120 grams and on a bag of 150-200 grams.

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