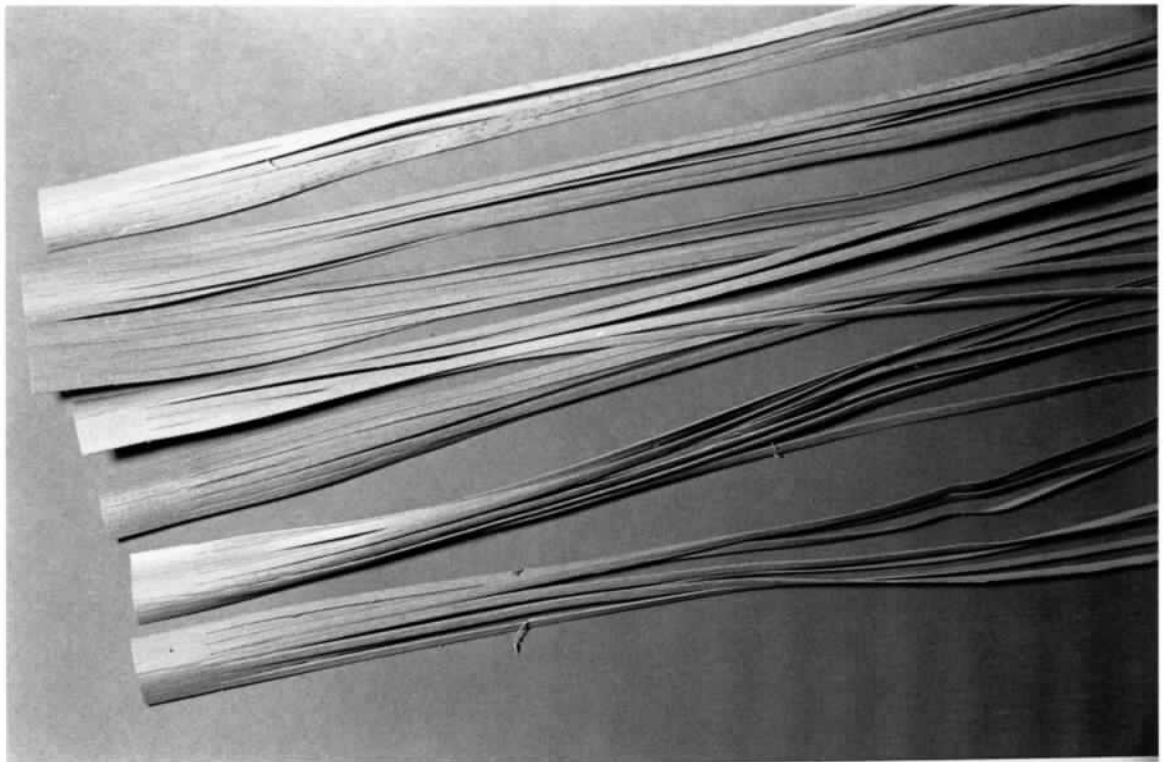


Chapter 2

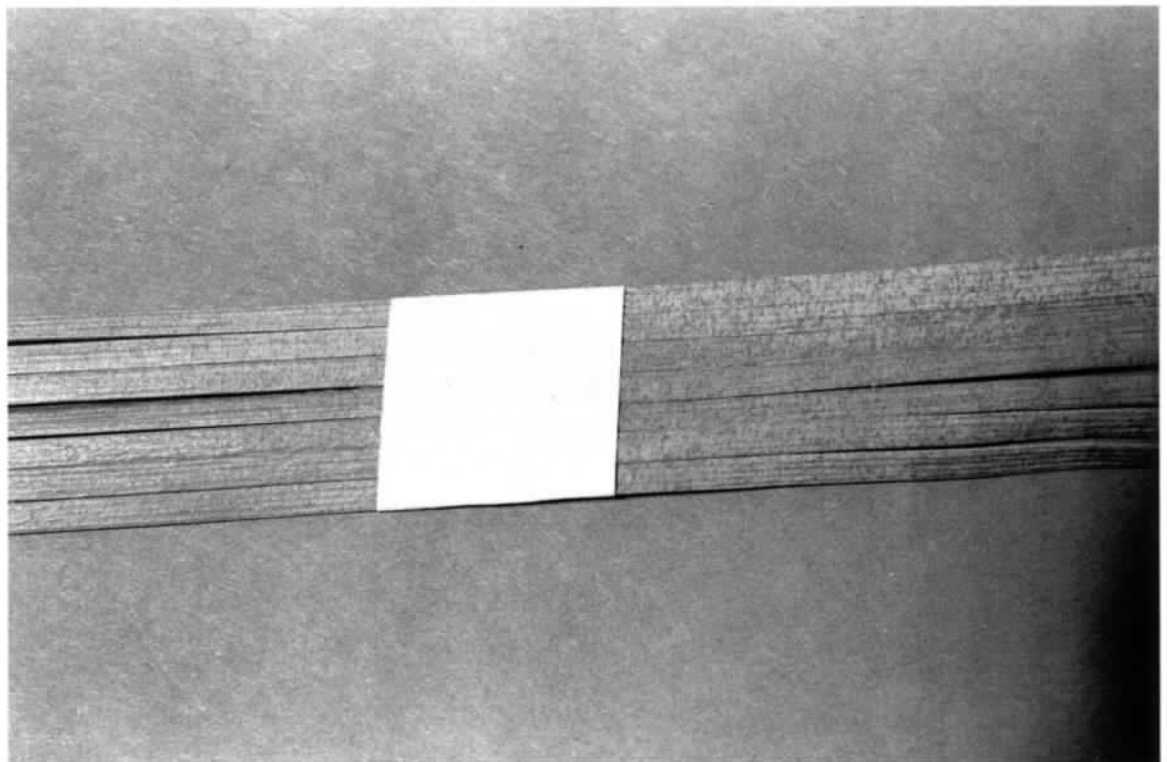
Weaving the Piko

The piko is the beginning of the hat. You should use your best quality leaves here. The attention and respect that you show this part of the hat will set the stage for the entire project.

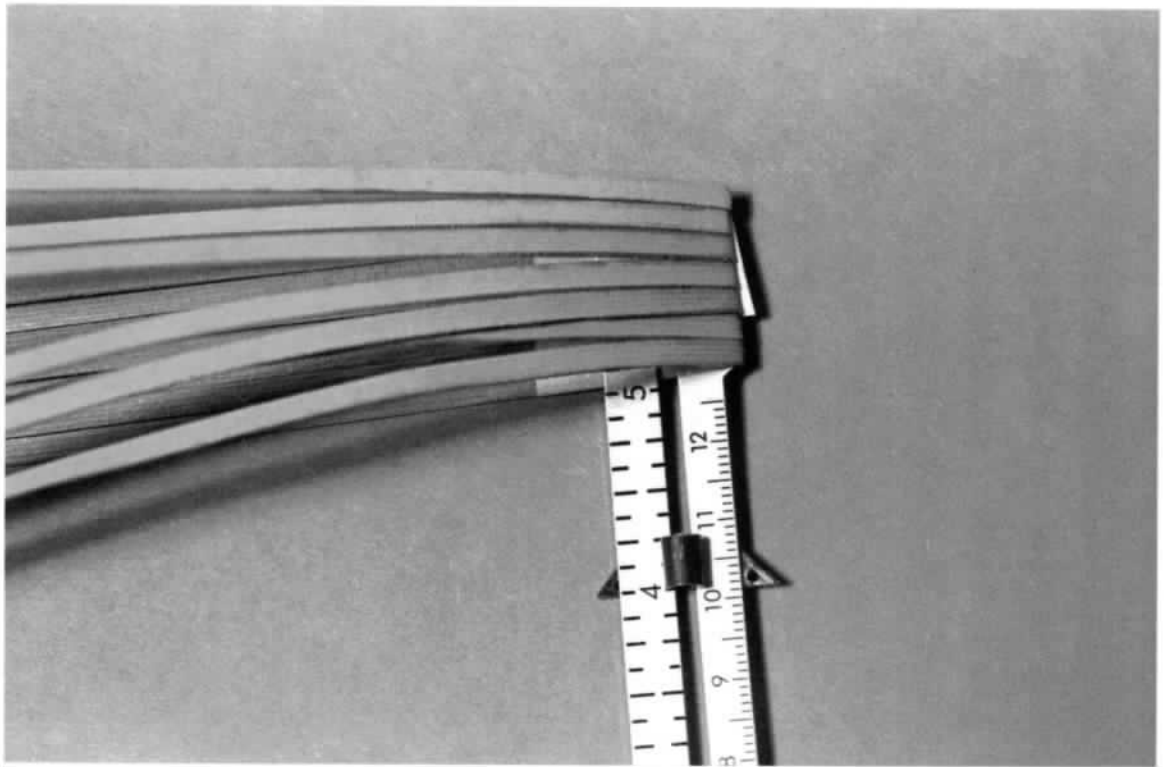
There are several styles of piko. The one illustrated here is a traditional one, but you will see others used. This is especially true for the two tone or ānoni hats.



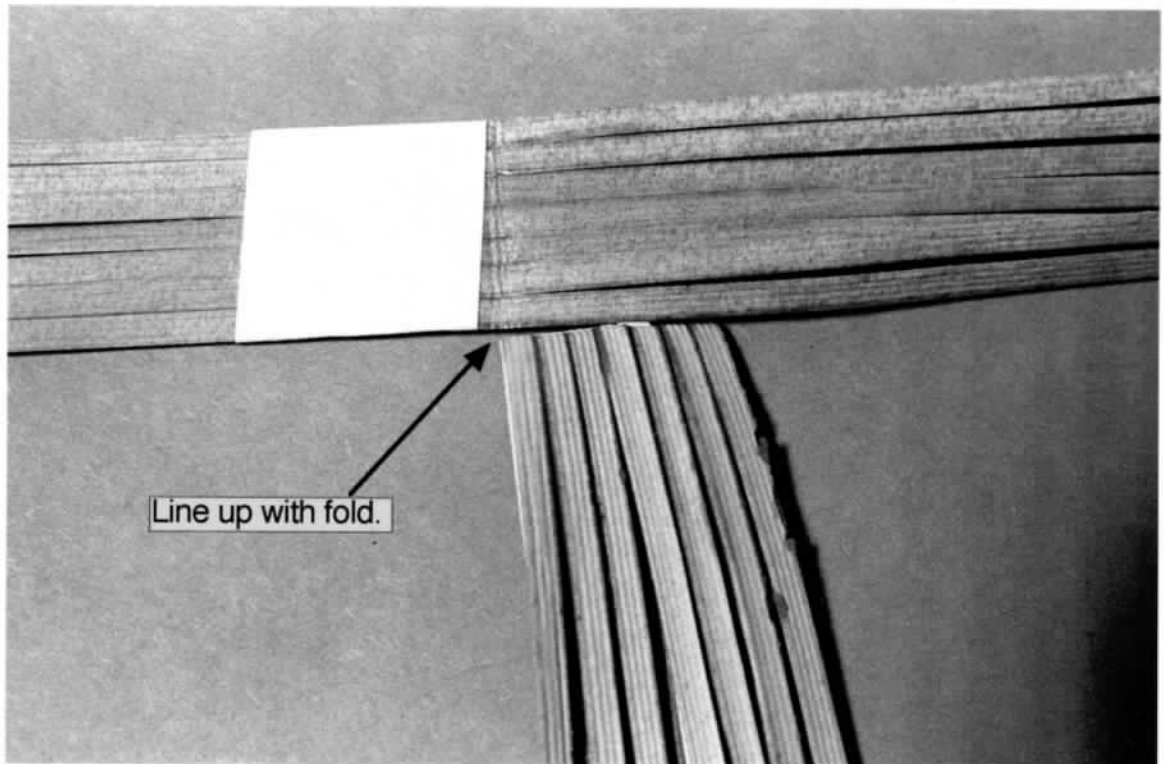
2.01. Select the seven longest strips. Set aside the longest one in a slightly-moist towel.



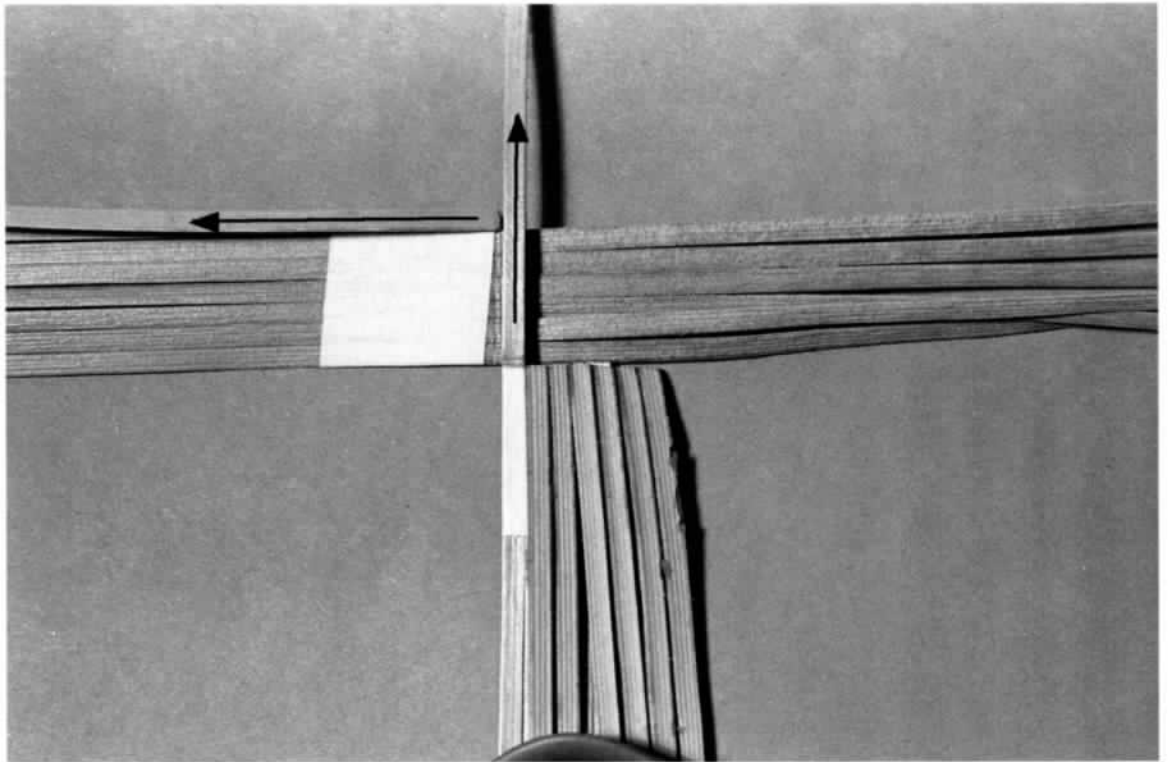
2.02. Tape each of the six strips, good side up, with masking tape at about the center. With short strips offset the tape to make a long and a short end so splices will come at different places. Wrap strips in a slightly-moist towel to soften.



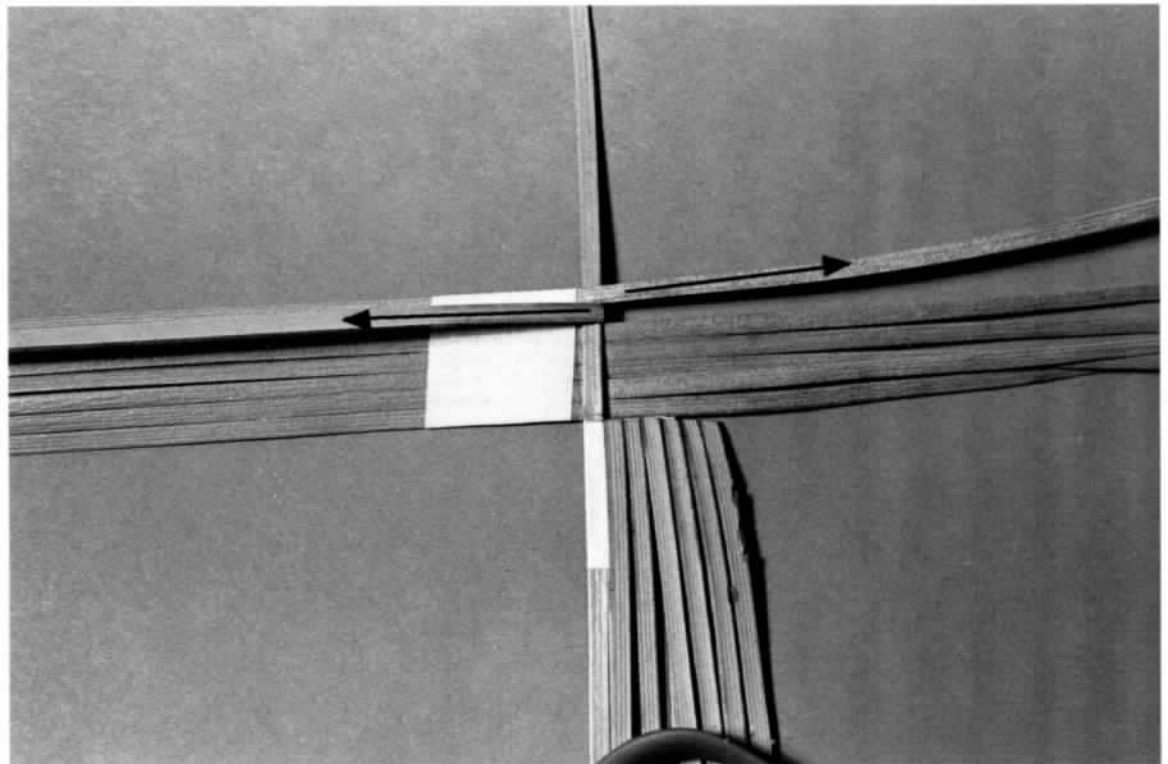
2.03. Place strip horizontally with the good side up and the uncut end to the left. Use the straight edge of a ruler to bend each strip at the edge of the tape on the side where the strands are cut apart.



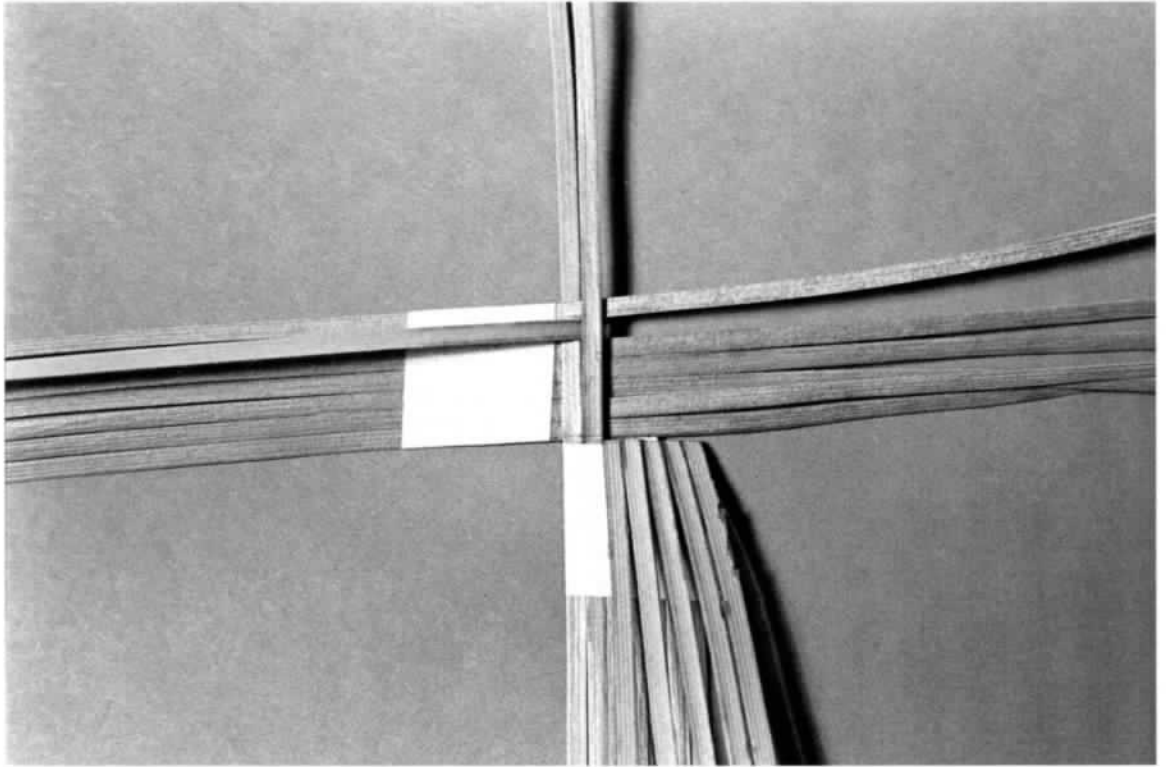
2.04. Place two strips as shown to start weaving. Horizontal strip is open with good side up. Vertical strip is folded down at crease with good side inside. Line up on crease of horizontal strip as shown.



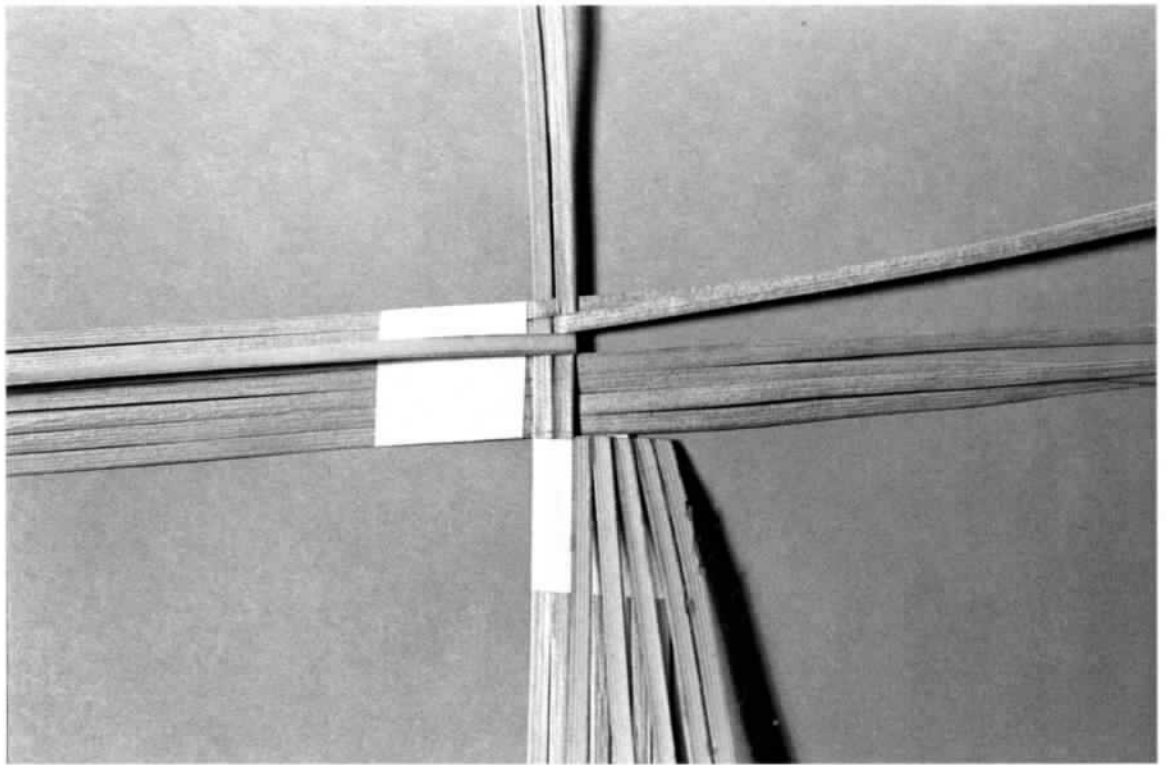
2.05. Fold the top strand of the top strip to the left folding at the crease. Bring up the left hand strand of the folded strip across the top strip as shown.



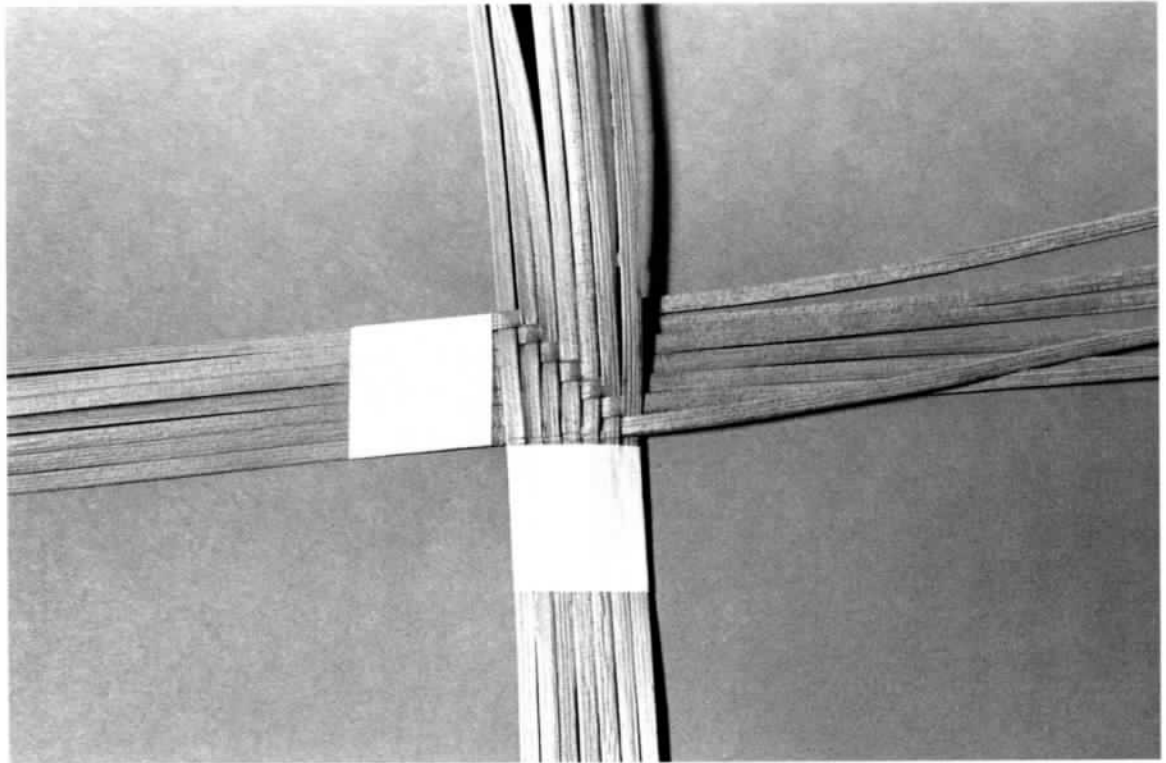
2.06. Return the top strand to the right over the strand from the bottom and then fold the second strand across the strand from the bottom as shown.



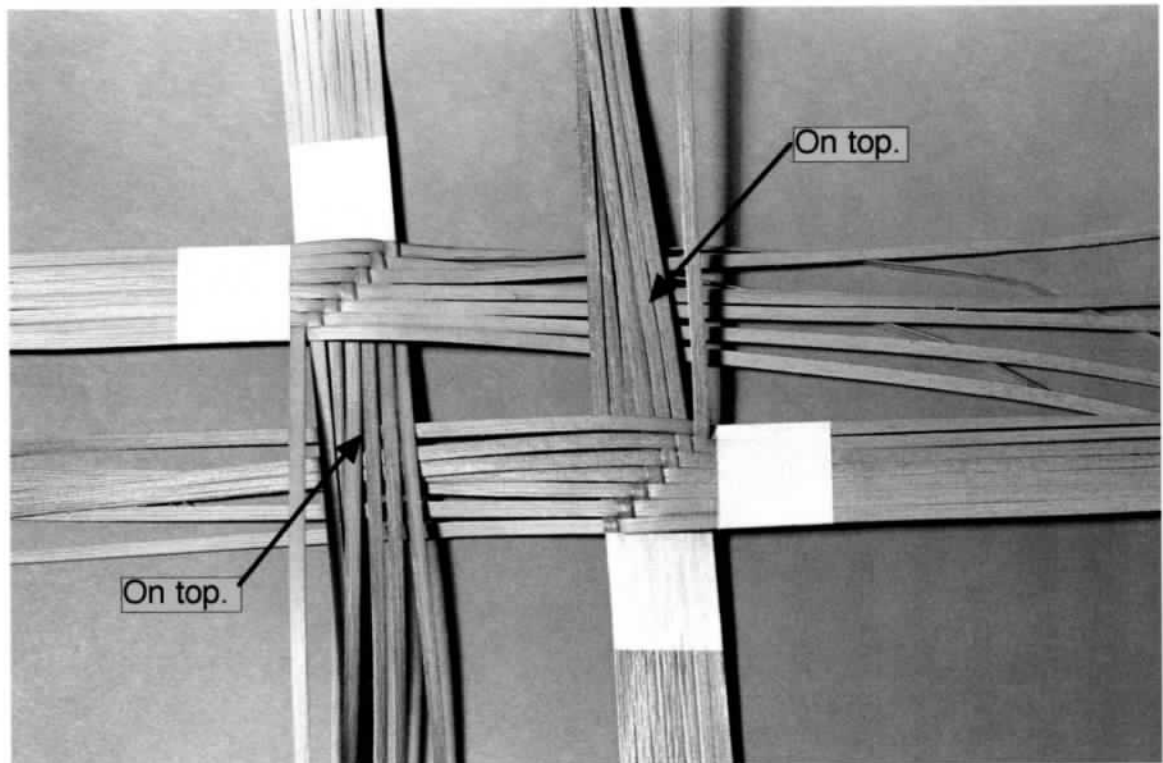
2.07. Continue in a similar fashion as shown.



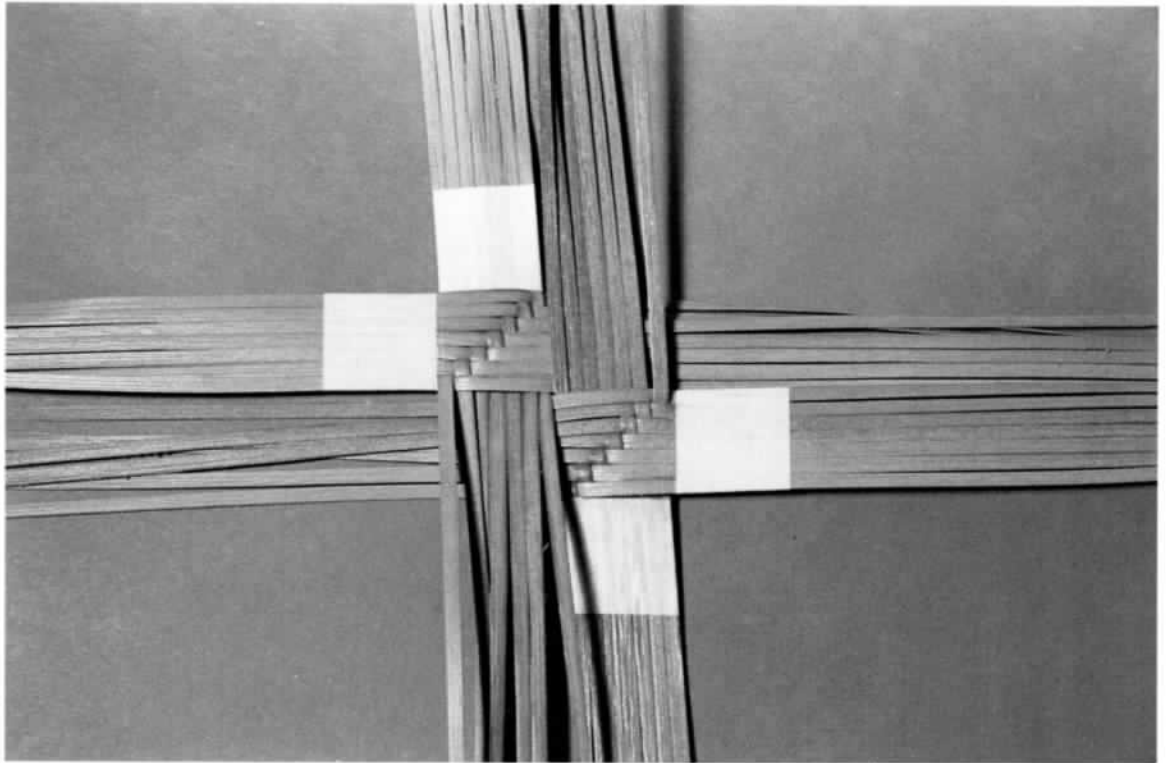
2.08. Continue as shown remembering to pull each vertical strand tightly against the one to its left. Pull the horizontal strands up and over the verticals. Also keep the horizontal strips from fanning out.



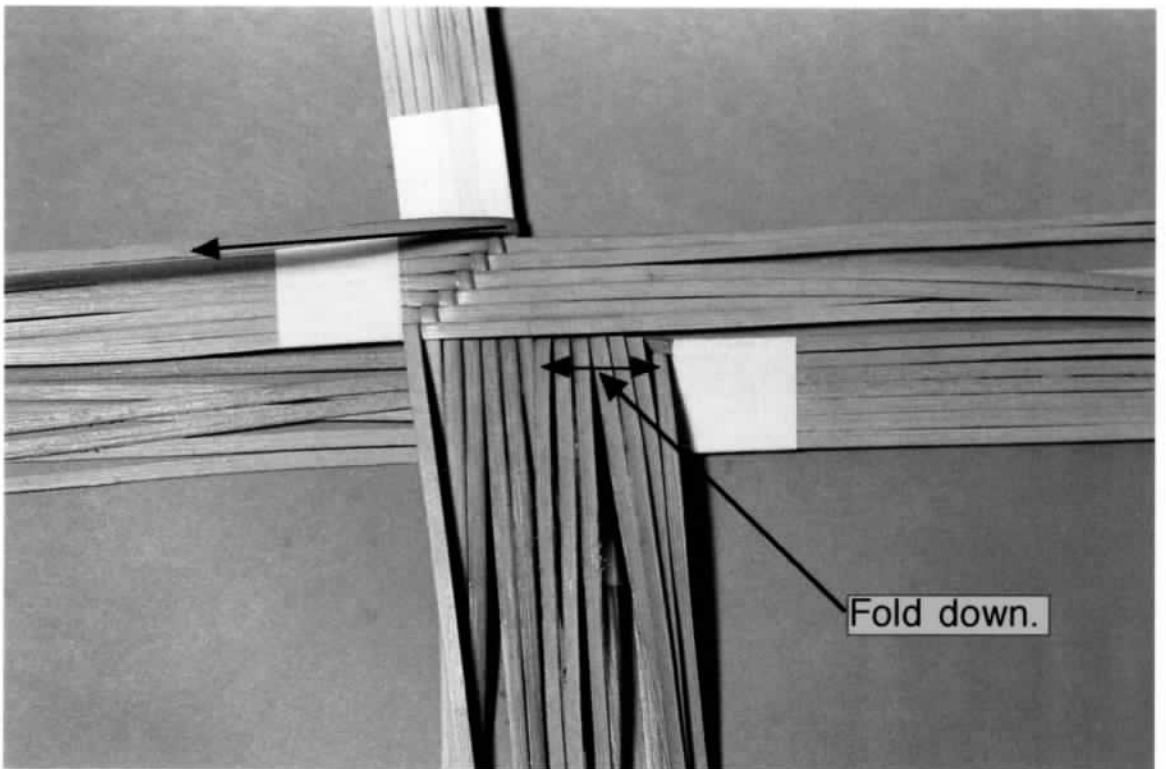
2.09. Completed pair of interwoven strips. Do two more pair in the same way.



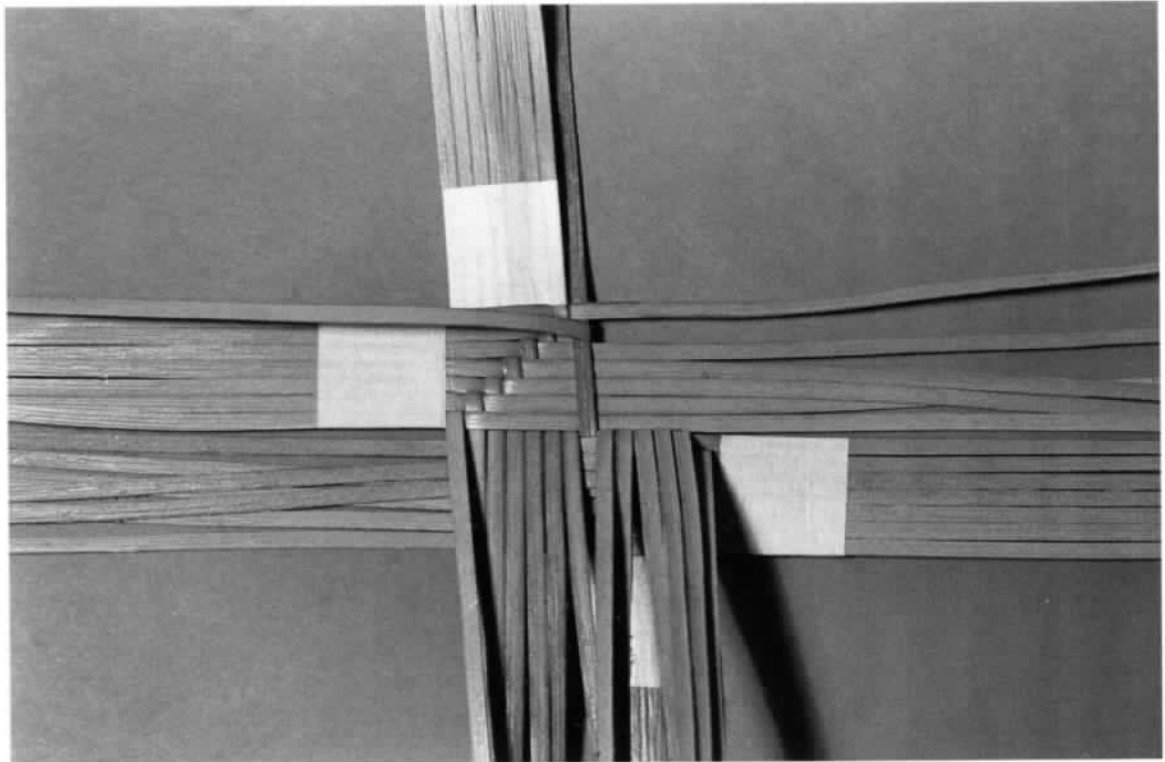
2.10. Overlap two pair of interwoven strips as shown. Always place vertical strips over horizontal ones.



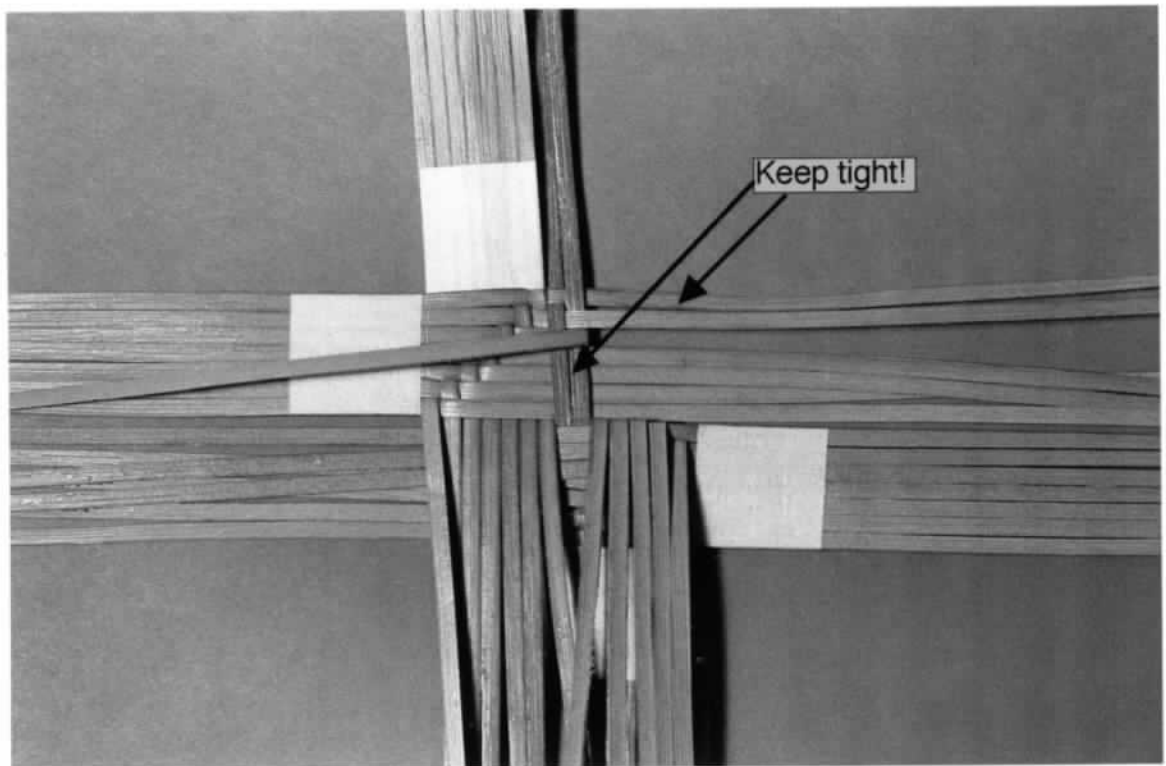
2.11. Place strips together as shown.



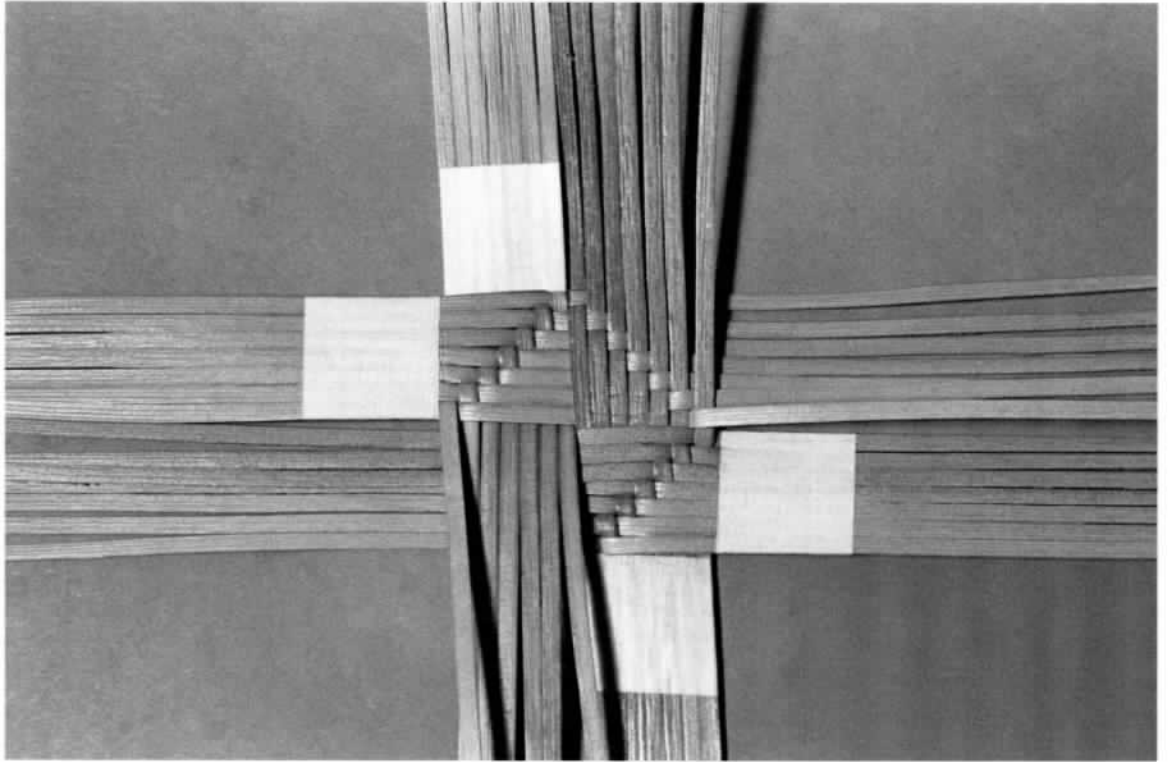
2.12. Fold down the right hand vertical strands as shown. Fold the top strand of the upper horizontal strip to the left as before.



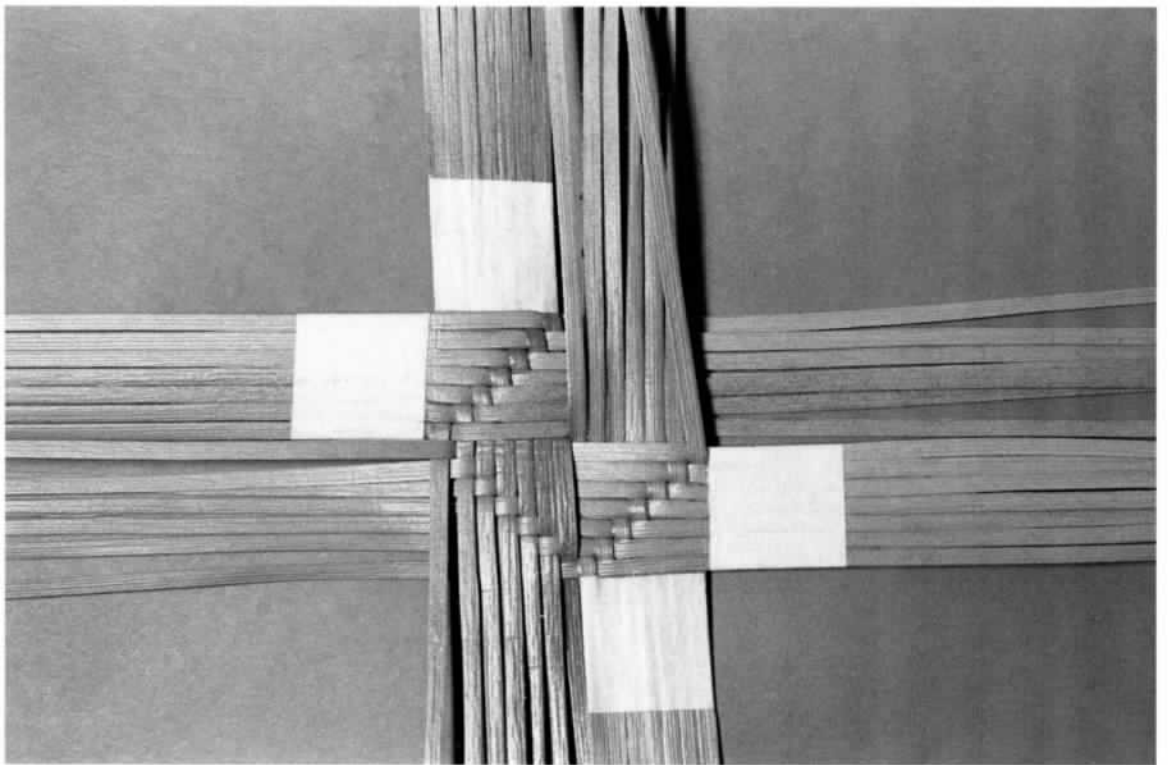
2.13. Weave (ulana) strands as before.



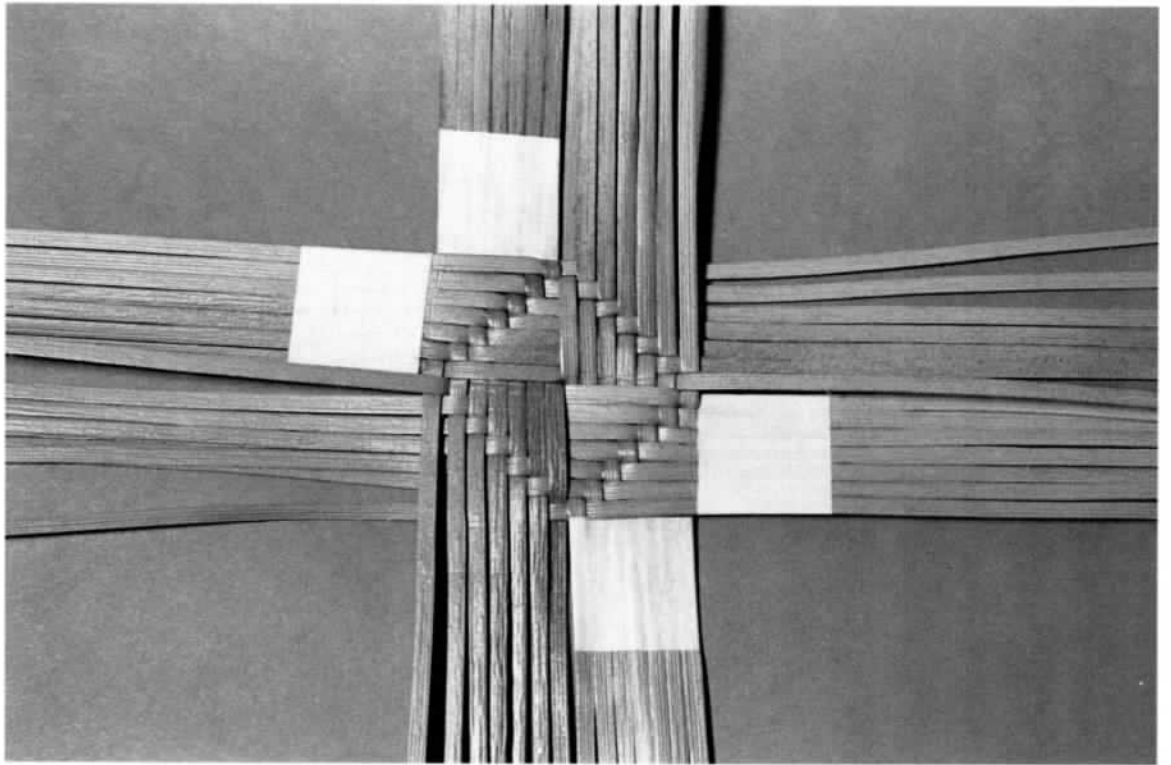
2.14. Weave (ulana) strands as before keeping vertical and horizontal strands tightly together.



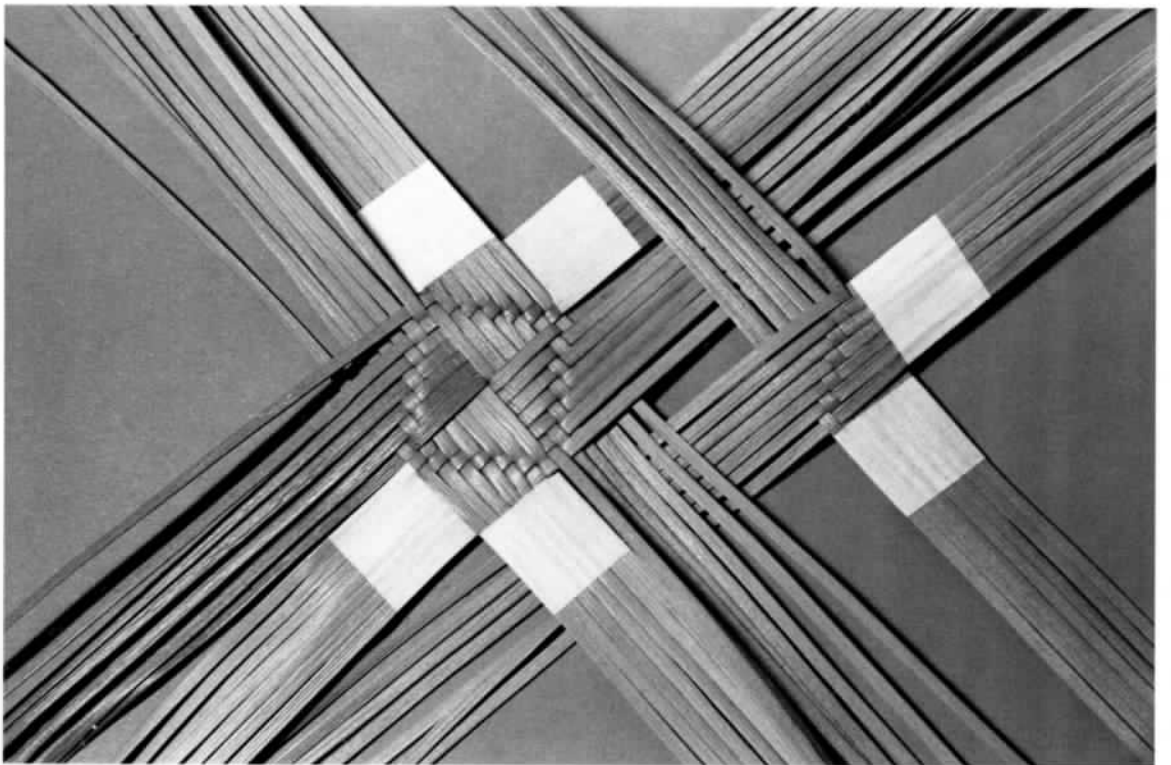
2.15. Halfway there



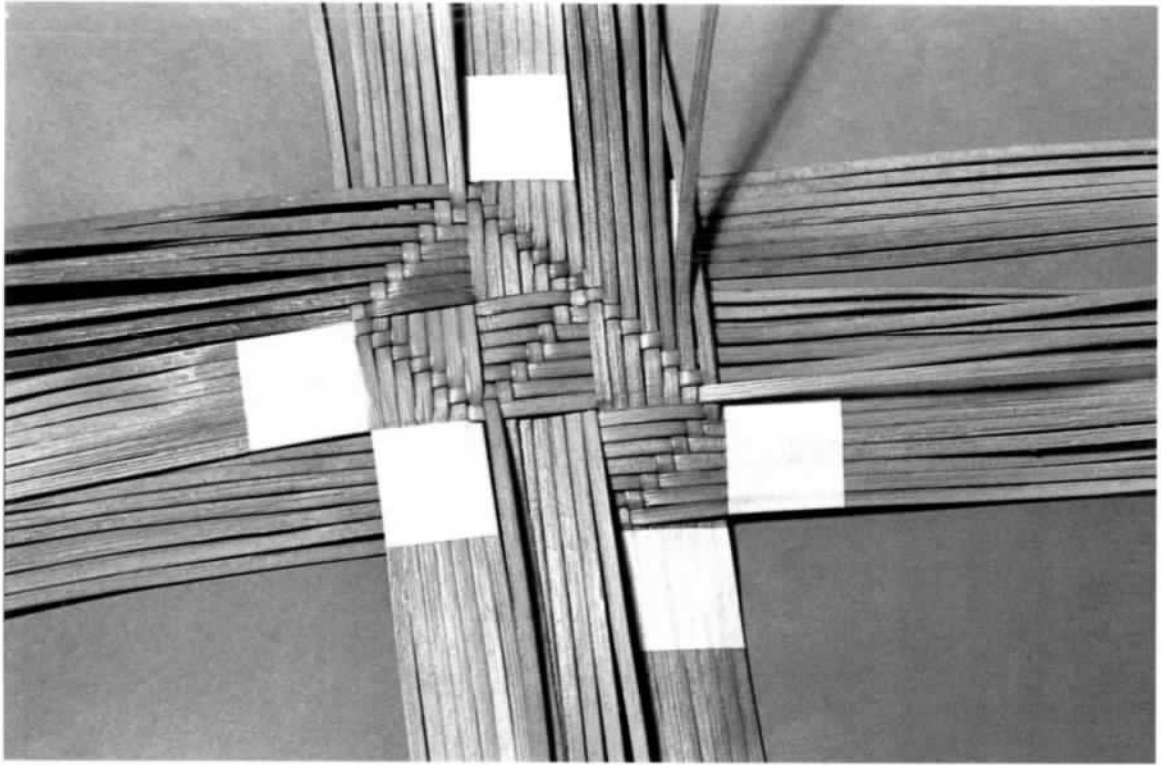
2.16. Turn strips around and repeat process.



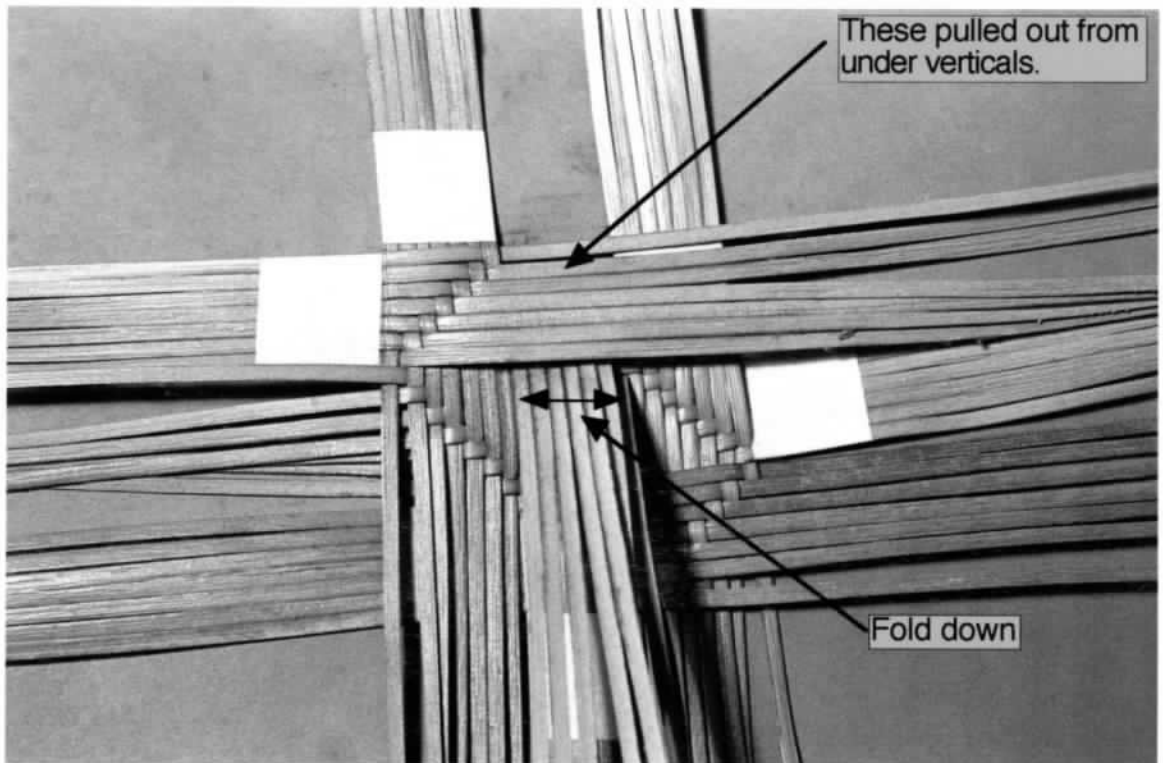
2.17. Completed part of piko.



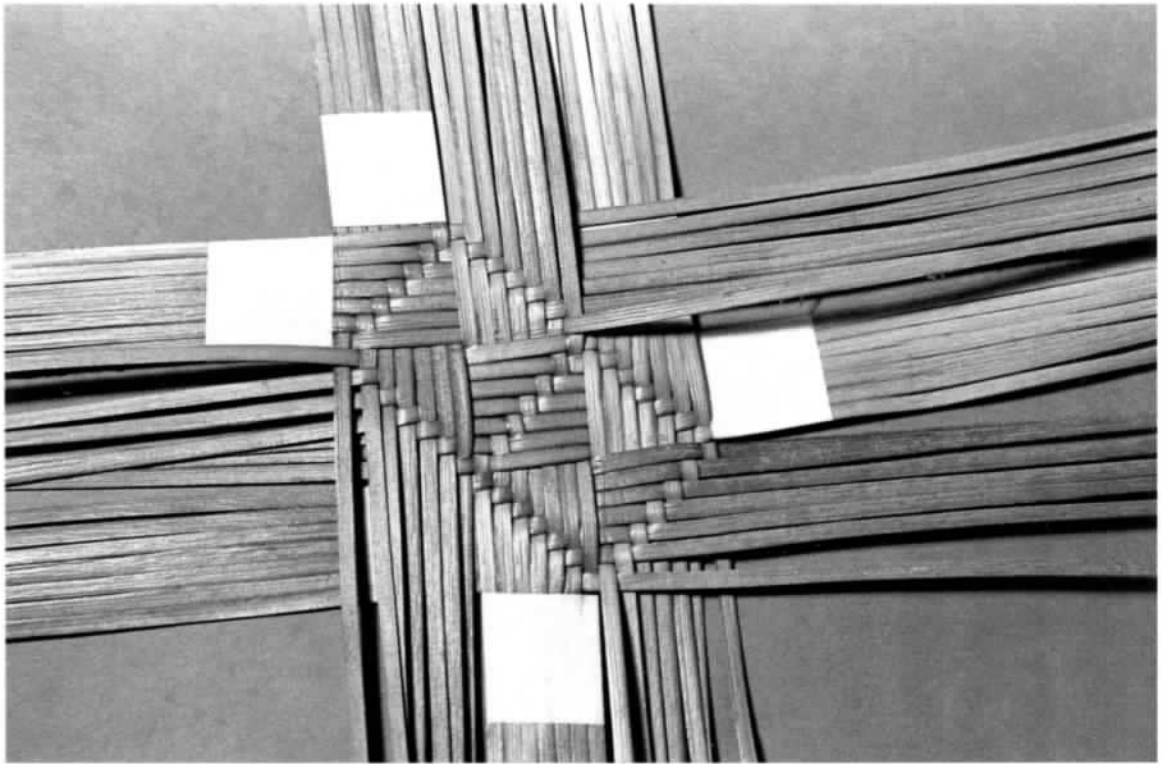
2.18. Interconnect remaining pair as shown and ulana as above.



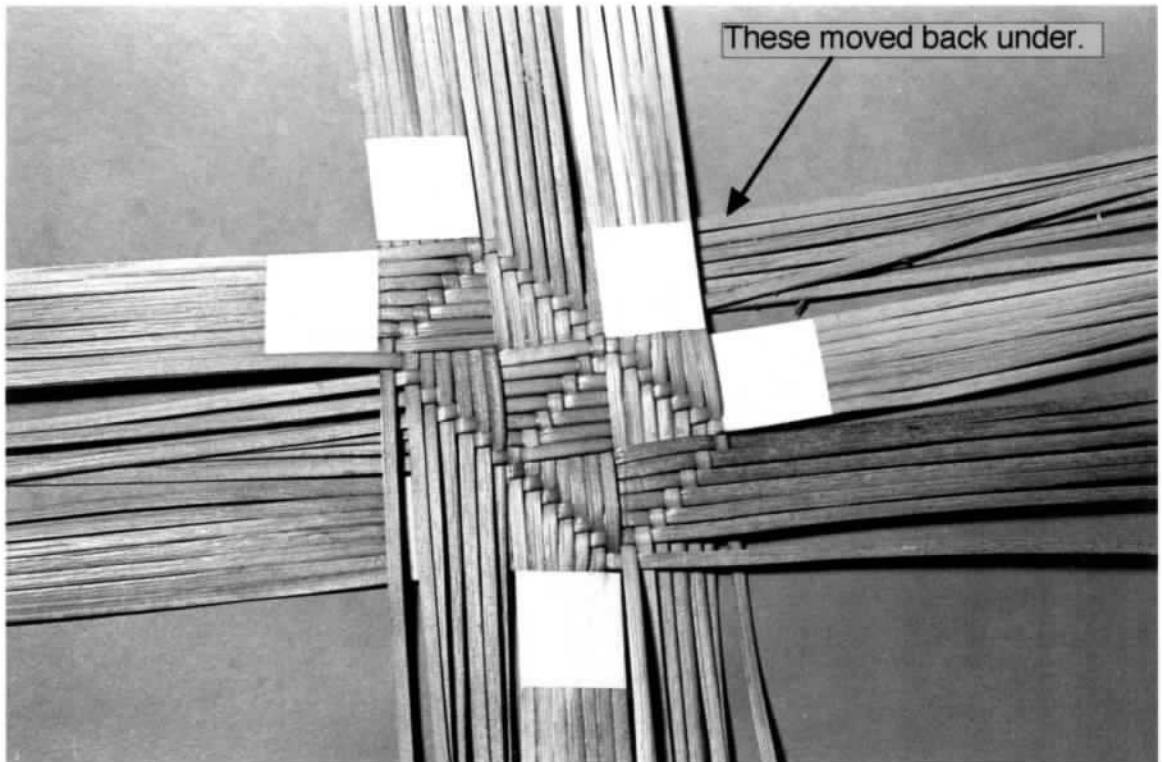
2.19. First set woven.



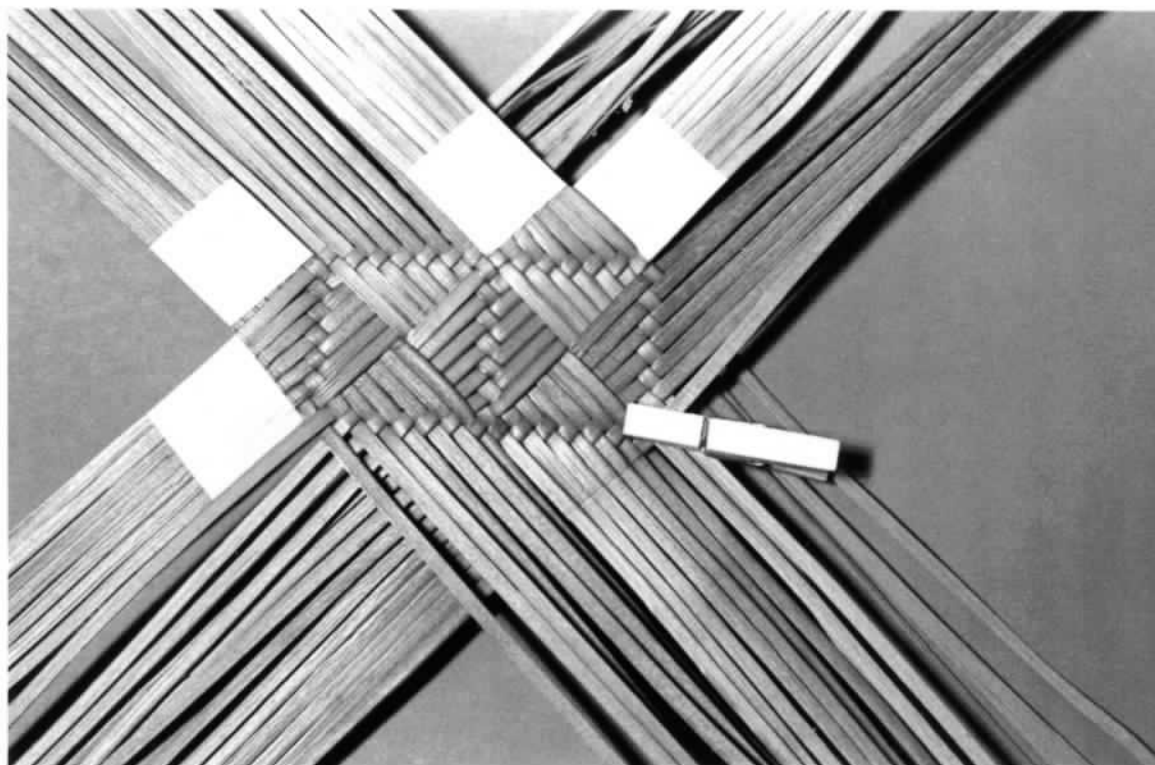
2.20. Rotate, fold down, pull out from under and ulana.



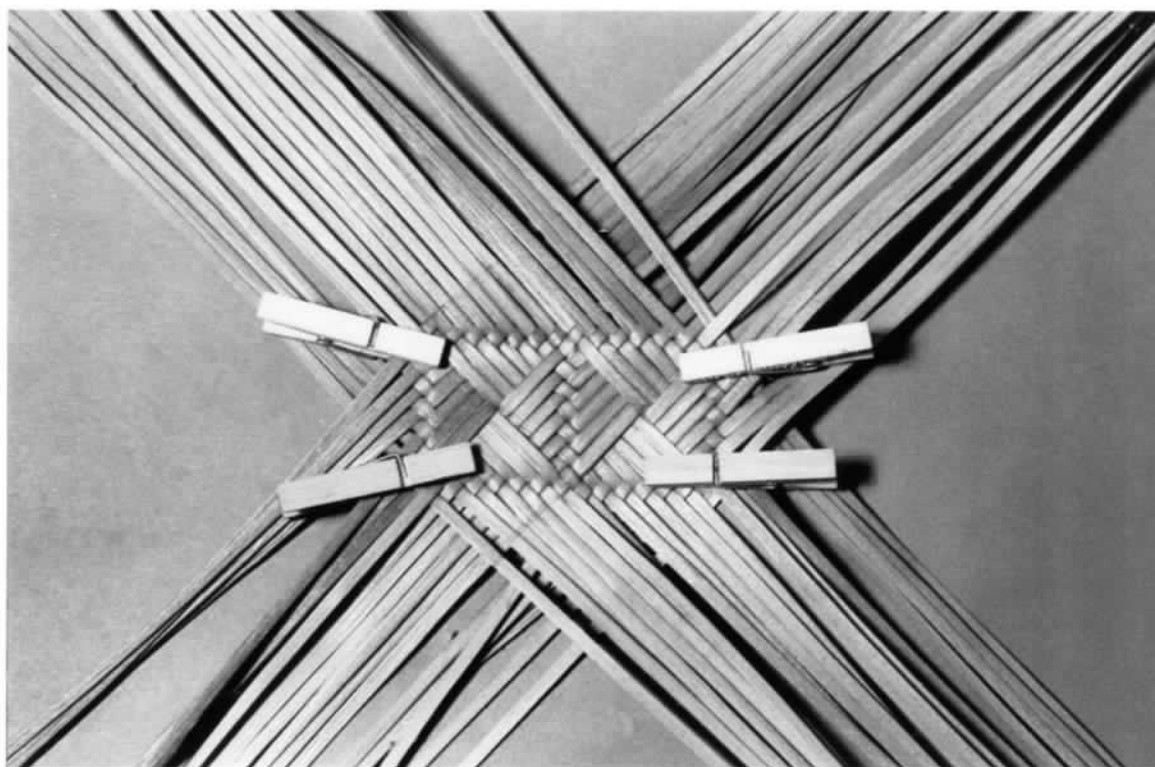
2.21. Weaving complete.



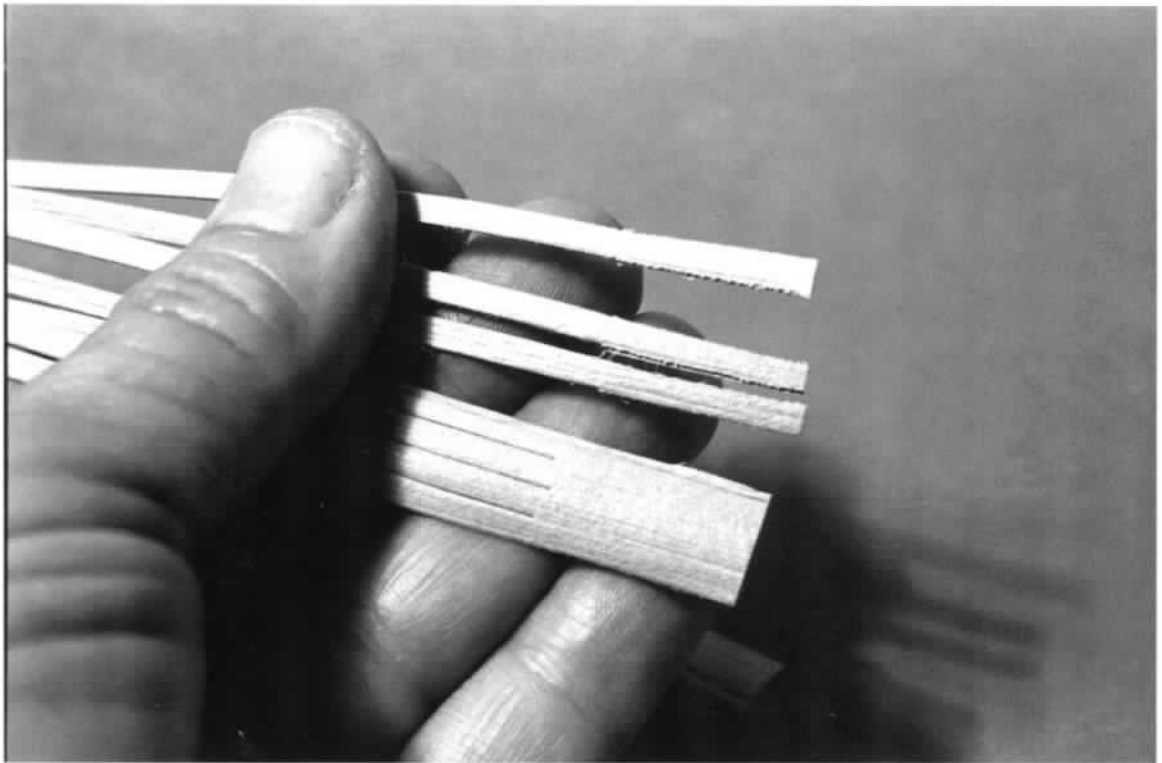
2.22. Move strands back underneath.



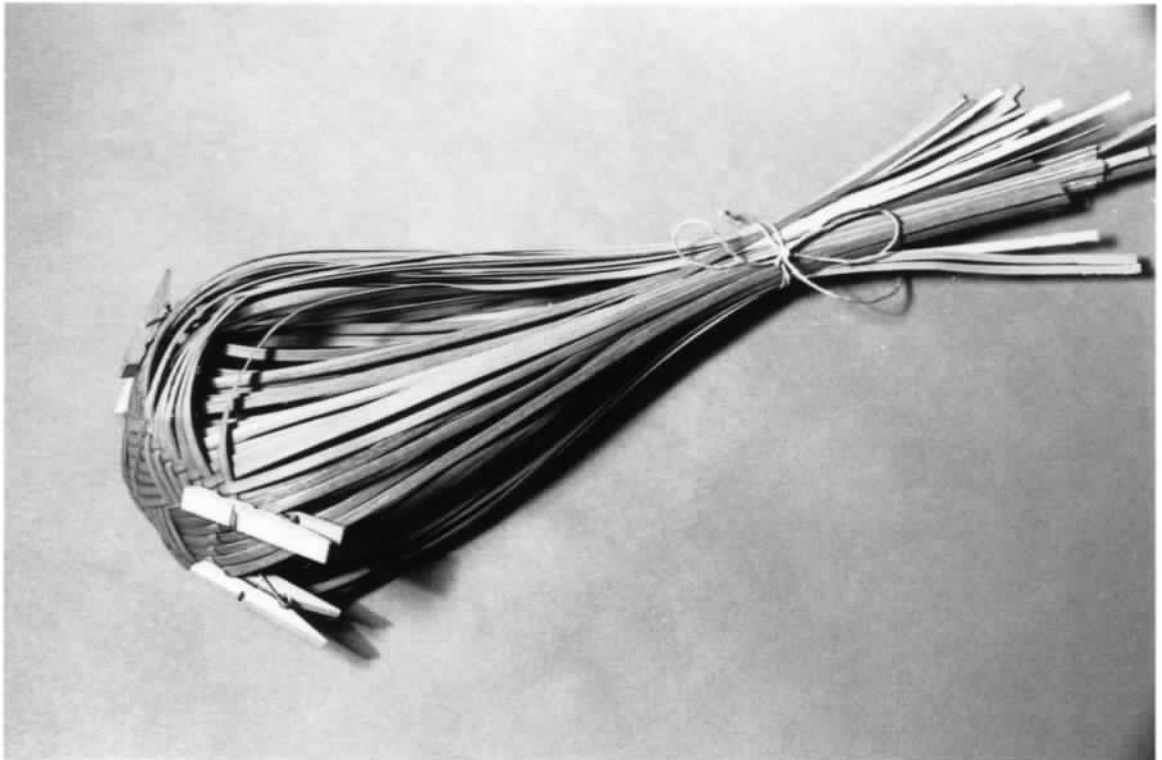
2.23. Remove tape and pin corner.



2.24. Repeat for all four corners.



2.25. Open up unstripped ends with the corner of your thumb nail or with a bamboo knife.



2.26. Complete piko tied with string for easy storage or transport.