

## Filling a Netting Shuttle



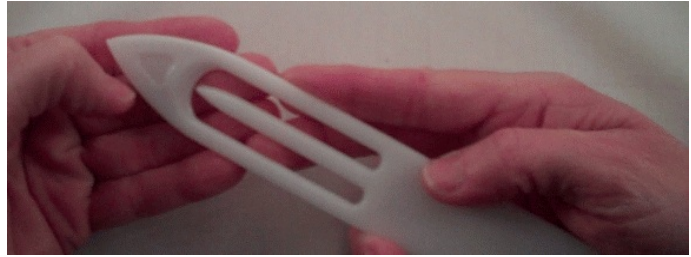
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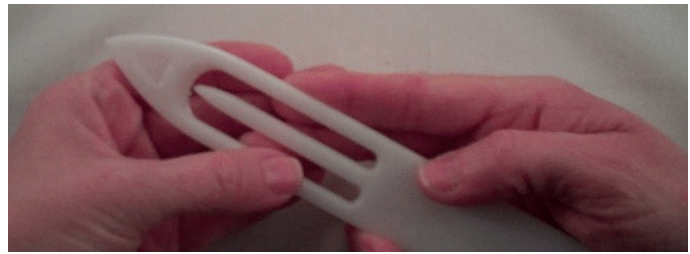
In these instructions whenever I use the word “string” I mean whatever string, cord, twine, yarn, rope, or thread you are using to net.

Before filling the netting shuttle, let's take a look at the anatomy of the shuttle.

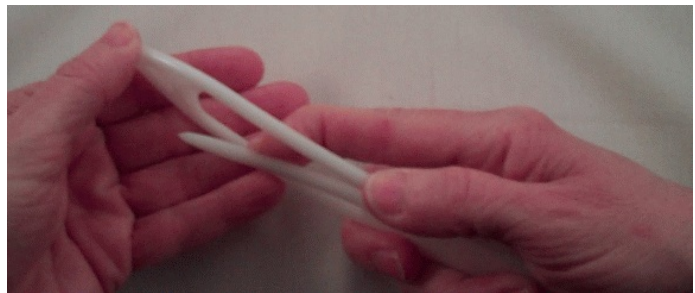
The top of the shuttle is pointed.



Below the point is a cut-out area and . . .



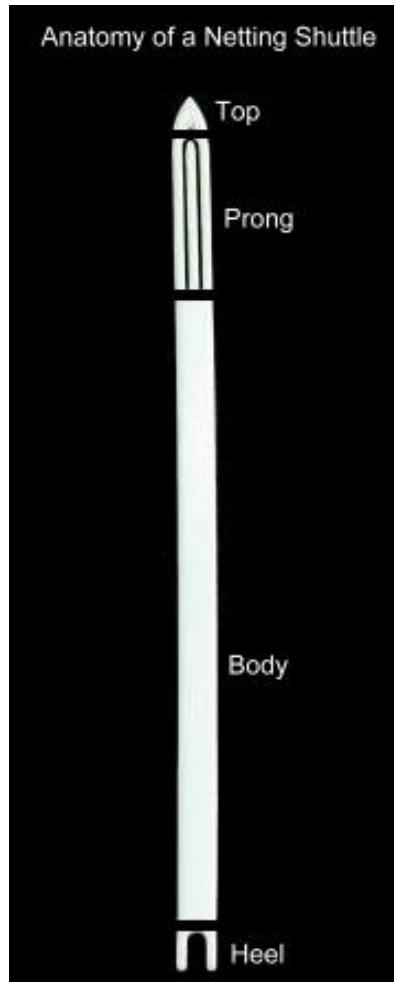
. . . a bendable pointed prong.



At the bottom of the netting shuttle is a cut out area called the heel.

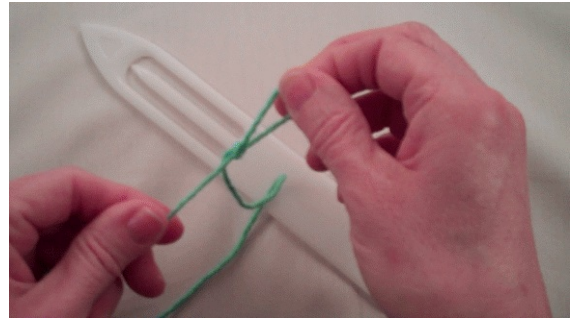


The portion of the netting shuttle between the prong and the heel is called the body.



Now to fill the netting shuttle.

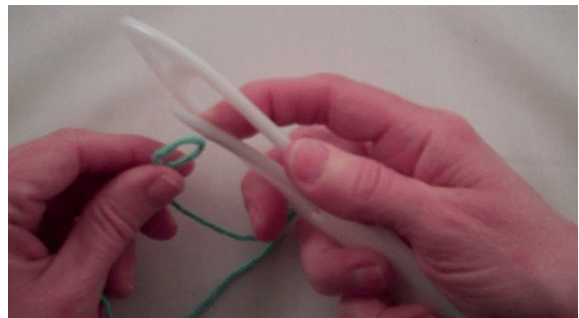
1. Tie a slip knot near the end of the string so the knot slips on the working string, not on the tail. (In the photo, the slip knot is tied above the shuttle.)



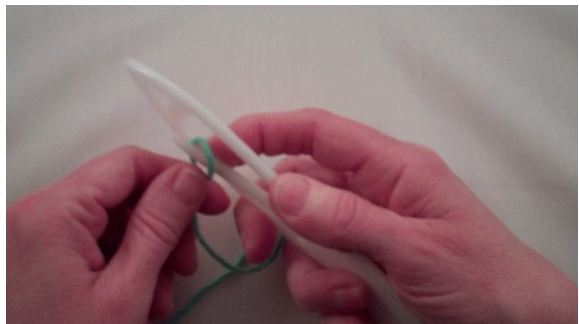
2. Hold the shuttle in the right hand with the point up.



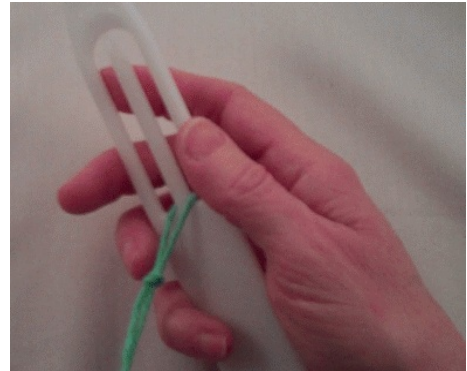
3. Place the right-hand index finger behind the prong and push the prong forward slightly.



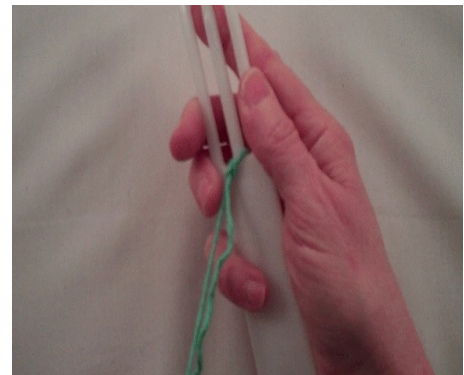
4. Place the slip knot over the tip of the prong.



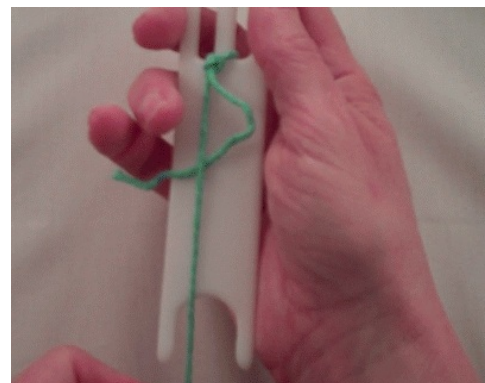
5. Slide the slip knot to the bottom of the prong . . .



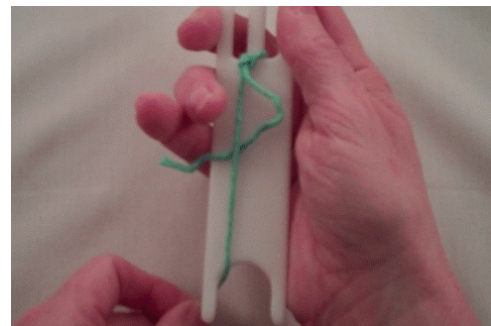
. . . and tighten it firmly by gently pulling on the working string.



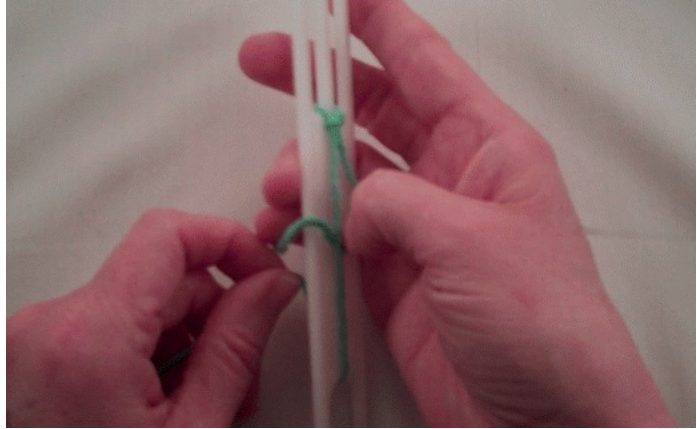
6. Draw the working string down the body of the shuttle . . .



. . . and around the bottom or heel of the shuttle, between the two projections.



7. Turn the shuttle back to front, with the point still up.



Continue loading the string onto the shuttle by repeating the same process on the other side of the shuttle as follows:

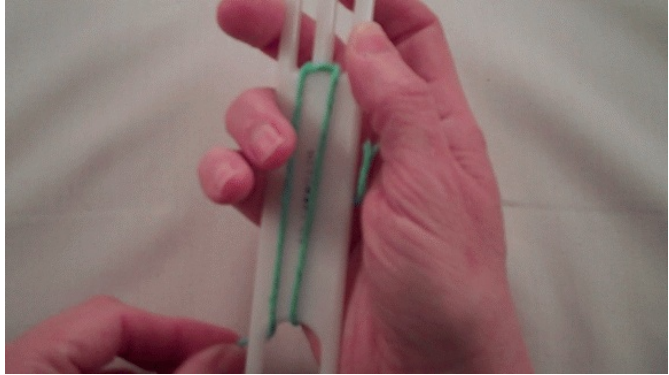
8. Draw the working string up the front of the body, . . .



. . . around the prong (right to left), and down the other side of the front.



9. Then draw the working string under the heel and turn the shuttle back to front, with the point still up.



10. To continue filling the shuttle: draw the working string up the body, around the prong (right to left), down the body, under the heel, turn the shuttle. (Steps 6 through 9)
11. Repeat step 10 until the shuttle is comfortably loaded. Neither the prong nor the heel should be completely filled or the string will fall off.

12. Then cut the string.

