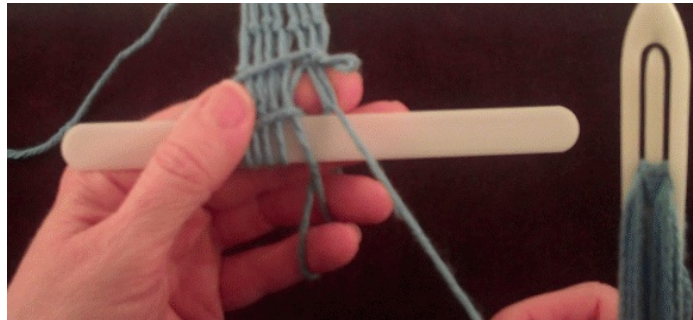


# Troubleshooting the Lacemaker's Method:

## Removing String from Around the Fingers



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NOTE: In these instructions the word “string” is used to represent whatever string, cord, twine, rope, yarn or thread you are using to net. The word shuttle is used to represent either a netting needle or a netting shuttle.

One of the trickiest steps of netting using the lacemaker's method is removing your fingers from any string wrapped around them.

I'll start where the string is wrapped around all the fingers, the shuttle has just been pulled through the loop, and you've caught the new loop with your little finger.

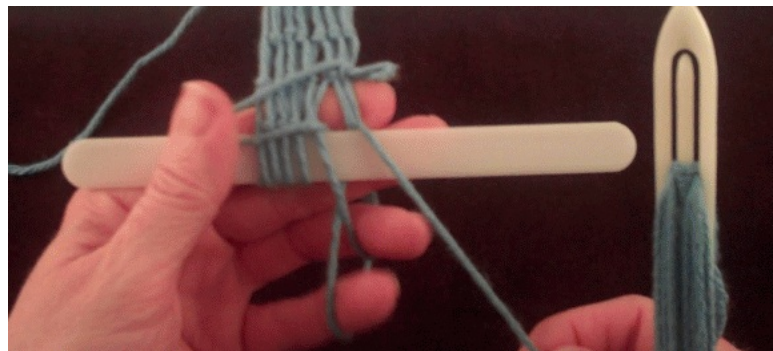


Bring the string attached to the netting shuttle over the top of the mesh stick.

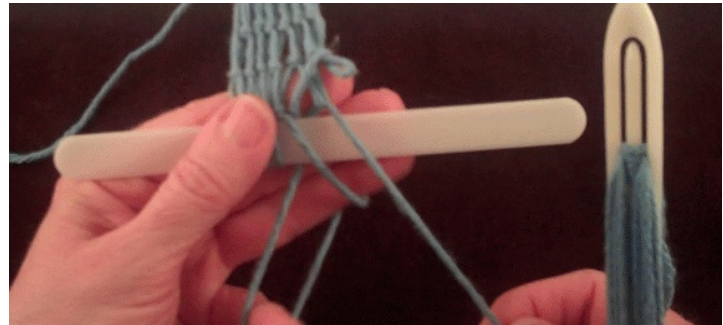
Pull the string from the shuttle gently down and toward you.



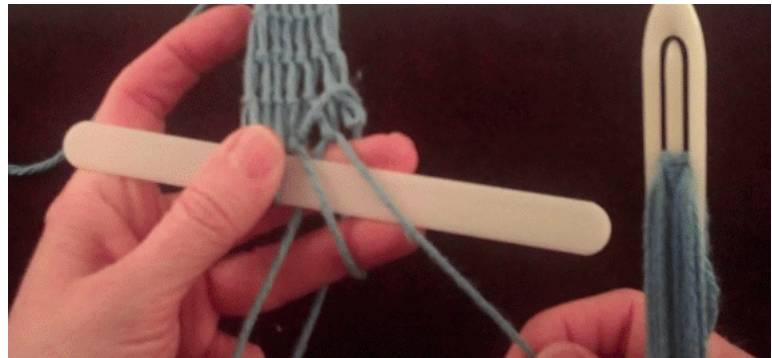
Let go of the string under your thumb.



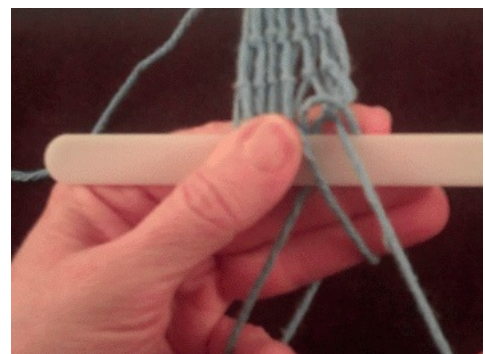
Hold the mesh stick with the middle and ring fingers behind it and the thumb pressing gently against the mesh stick.



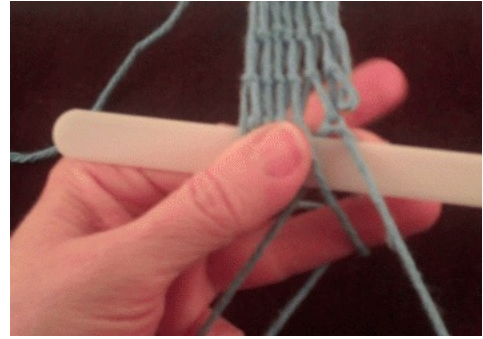
Remove the index finger from any strings wrapped around it.



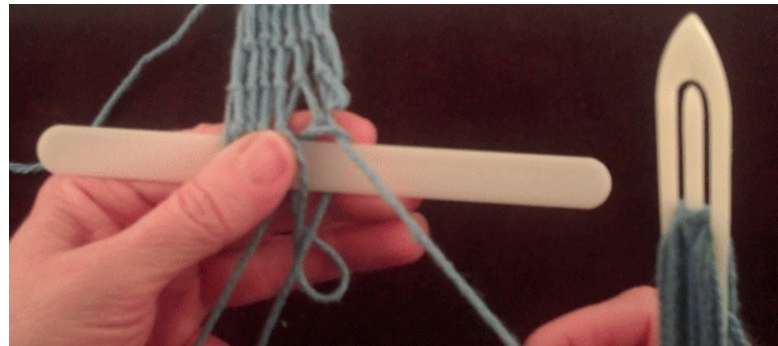
Place the index finger back behind the mesh stick, moving the other two fingers down and slightly below the mesh stick.



Remove the middle finger from the strings wrapped around it. The mesh stick is supported by the ring and index fingers.



Finally, with the middle and index fingers supporting the mesh stick, remove the ring finger from the strings wrapped around it.



Once these three things have been done, you can see there are no strings around any finger except the little finger.



The exact order you remove the fingers from the string wrapped around them does not really matter. The point is that you do it one finger at a time and the mesh stick is always supported by the thumb and the other two fingers.

Before beginning to tighten the string around the little finger with a see-saw motion, it is a good idea to check to make sure all other fingers are completely free from any string wrapped around them.