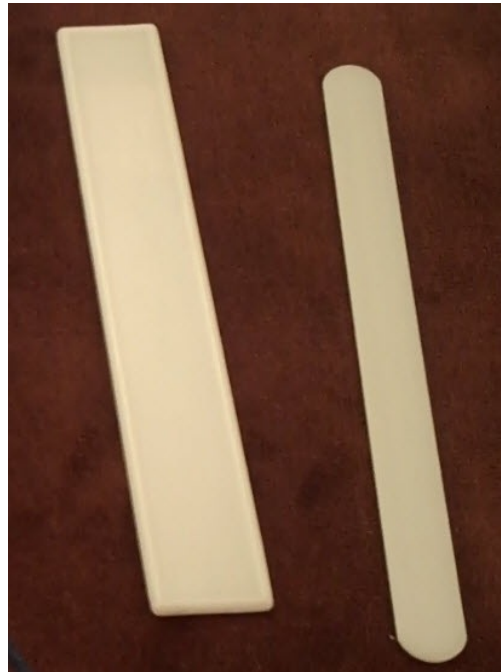


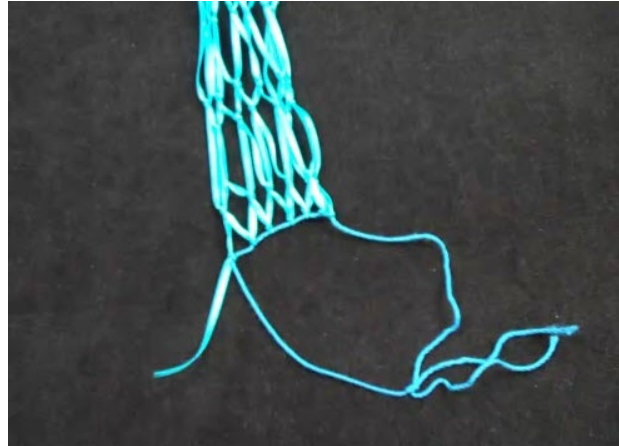
Why the First and Last Rows Use Different Size Mesh Sticks



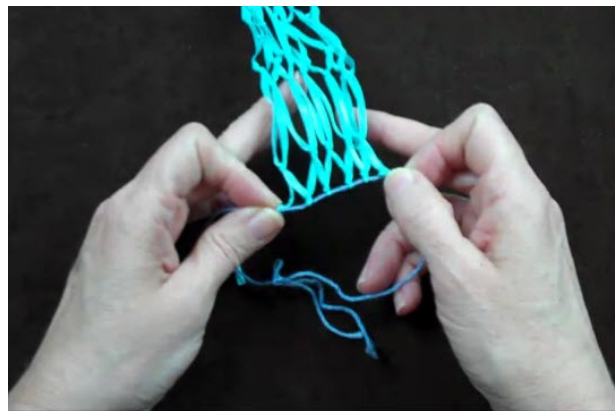
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You may have wondered why the first and last rows don't use the same size mesh stick.

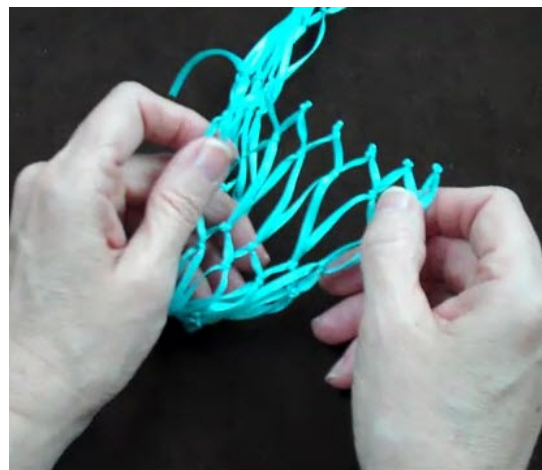
The reason for this is that row one was tied around the foundation loop. This means that when the foundation-loop cord is removed, all those loops will grow slightly bigger as the knots tied in row one untwist.



Here is the first row, still fastened onto the foundation-loop.



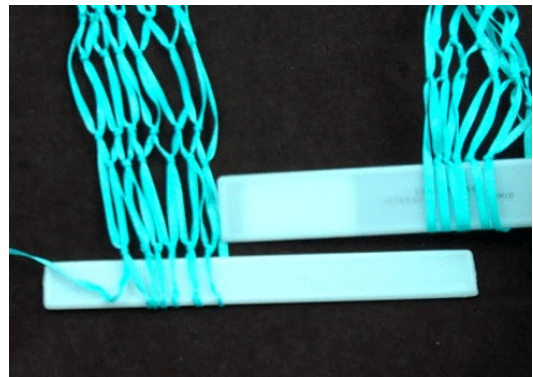
When I remove the foundation-loop cord, each loop has a twist at the top where the knot was tied.



When the cord the knot was tied around is removed, these former knots just pop open when I pull on them.



Look at the difference between how tightly the first row, on the left, fit and how tightly the last row (on the right) made fits on the mesh stick it was tied over.



The loops in row one have grown in size.

If I remove the original mesh stick used for row one and replace it with the mesh stick used for the last row, you will see that the larger mesh stick fits both row one and the last row.

