

Hawaiian Lei Making Methods

Illustrated below are the six methods with a brief description



Method

Description

Haku:

Braiding flowers, leaves, and/or fruit in a braid. Three-braid strand plait of fern, lau kī (ti leaf), hau fiber, etc.



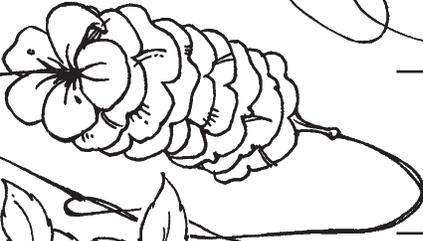
Hili:

Braiding or weaving of a single plant material. braid or plait



Humupapa:

Plant materials are sewn to a foundation of dried banana. To sew to a backing fiber, lauhala, lau kī or other suitable materials.



Kui:

Plant materials are strung together through the center or sides. To string pierced objects, as flowers in a lei.



Kipu'u:

The stems of leaves are knotted together to make a knot chain. No cordage or needle is used.



Wili:

Plant materials are placed on a backing of lau kī, lauhala, twisted dried banana fiber or other suitable material and wound with fiber or thread around the plant material and backing to bind them together.

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