

Lucet

The lucet is a cordmaking/braiding tool that has been used over the last one thousand years. It originated in Scandinavia and has gone through several eras of popularity. The cord produced is both functional as strapping for various items like bags and is decorative when used on clothing.

Due to everyone's circumstances, I was trying to think of crafts that could be done with household items. For my first homemade version, I broke out the middle two tines on a plastic takeout fork. It works reasonably well. But keep in mind, the plastic is slippery so go slowly. Another version that I used came from a forked stick that I found in my yard. I scraped the bark away from the "Y" to create a smooth working surface.

I have linked a wonderful Youtube video that demonstrates how to use a lucet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kh3l85F9LAE>

Tips:

- Go slowly. It can be difficult at first but when you get the hang of it you will be able to speed up.
- Do not pull it very tight, give yourself some slack to maneuver.
- Sometimes it is easier to start over than to try to fix a mistake.
- **Make sure to tie a knot when you are finished, or it WILL unravel**

