

NETTLE CORDAGE

After harvesting the nettles, remove the leaves with gloved hands or scorch them over a fire and remove.

Crush the stems with an object such as a lump of wood or the handle of your pruning saw.

The pith is then snapped and peeled away from the outer fibres.

Separate the fibres into a variety of long, thin strands and dry overnight or in sunlight for a few hours.

This allows the fibres to shrink and makes for a tighter twist when making the cord.



The fibres are twisted so that the tension created allows the fibres to naturally twist into themselves.

If the fibres of unequal length are used, other fibres can be incorporated to lengthen the cordage.

The end result of using a number of thin fibres twisted together and adding more of the same only goes to create stronger cordage.

This cordage is particularly useful when used in conjunction with Pine resin glue.

