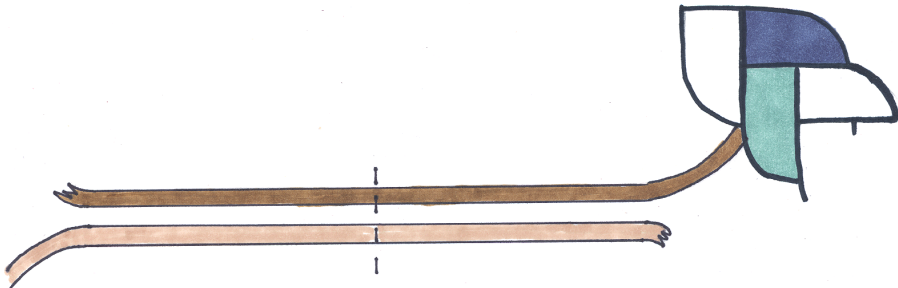


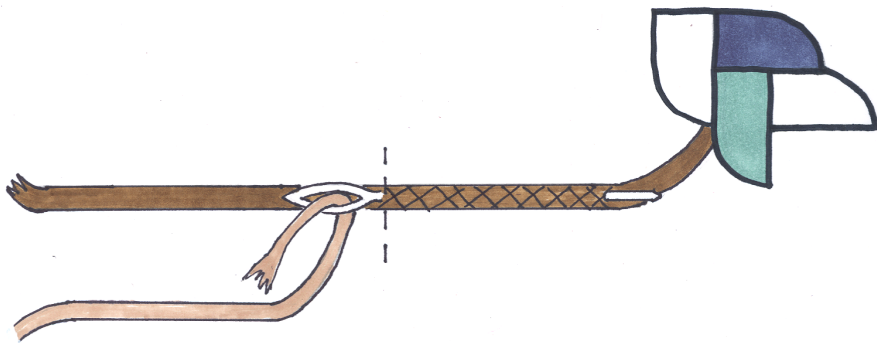
Splicing Lacing Thread

When you have about 6" of thread left, you will need to splice more lacing thread. Make sure you have enough length to work with: unlace a loop or 2 if needed.

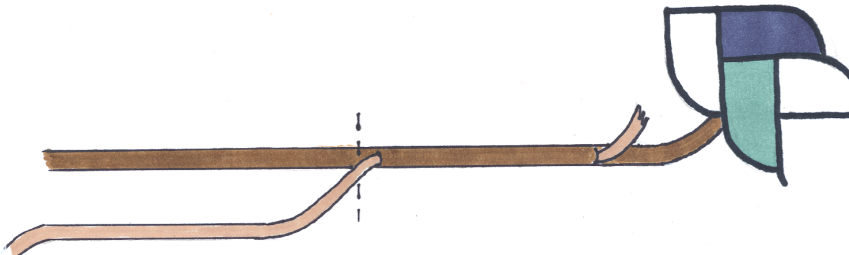
Find your tapestry needle.



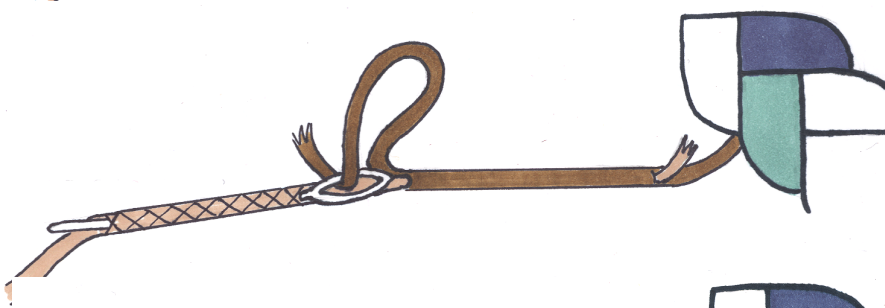
Line up the 2 ends, as shown left. The center dotted line shows where the tapestry needle will start burying both the old and new lacing thread.



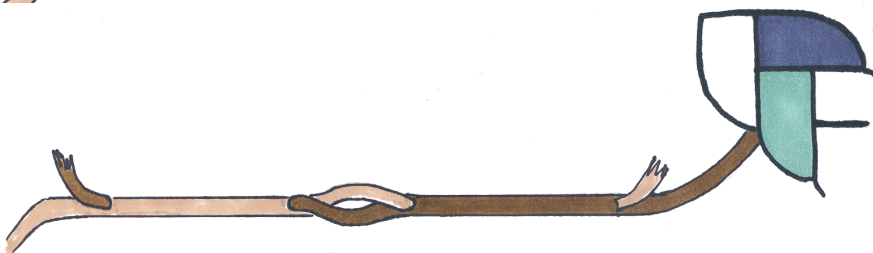
Thread the tapestry needle with the new lacing thread. Tunnel through the hollow center of the old lacing thread for about 1.5", and pull through.



If the end is too long, pull the new thread back until there is just a small end sticking out.



Now load the old thread into the tapestry needle, and, starting close to where the new thread entered the old, pierce into the old thread and find the hollow tunnel. Pull the old thread through the tunnel.



A small amount of overlap is fine in the center. Trim the ends.

Knotting Other (Non-splicing) Lacing Cords

Everyone always thinks that the most stable and secure knot is a square knot. While a square knot is a good knot much of the time, it is NOT the best knot for lacing cords, because with sufficient pulling, it can come apart.

The best knot is actually an Overhand or Pretzel Knot.

When you have about 6" of length left of your old lacing cord, lay a new length alongside it, matching ends. Working with both strands at once, make a loop, and throw the ends through the loop. Pull tight. Trim the ends to about $\frac{3}{4}$ ". When lacing, make sure the knot and its ends are buried under a braid loop.

