

# Making a MINI Besom / Broom

## Great for Travel or Children

Here's a Quick and Affordable way to make a Besom / Broom for travel kits, and they are so easy children can make their own.



**SUPPLIES:** You will need a small stick (from the ground) or a dowel (from your craft department or hardware store) - if this is to fit in a travel kit, be sure your stick is only about 1/2 the length of your space. Plus you will need a bundle/bunch of Raffia (from the Craft Dept.), Straw, Hay, Dried Grass...what ever you can easily work with and have on hand. I have chosen to use Raffia...other options may need to be soaked overnight.



**STEP 1:** Using about 90% of your Raffia bundle, trim the Raffia to about 1" longer than the stick you have. Place the Stick in the center. The stick should be lined up to one end of the raffia. Now cover the stick with more raffia, so that you can't see the stick through the raffia...you should make a bundle in your hand with the stick in the center.



**STEP 2:** With your bundle and stick...take another piece of Raffia and tie off the end about 1" from the end of the stick (it should be tied up at the end that the stick and raffia are lined up at. Tie a nice tight knot. Not so tight that you break the Raffia but enough to secure it. Now tie/knot another piece of Raffia from the end that's lined up and the knot you just made. (you could also use craft wire, hemp cord, or even twine to secure it)



**STEP 3:** Now carefully bend the Raffia down over the knots you just made ... exposing the stick in the center. Adjust it so that it evenly bends over, and fills in all the way around the base of the stick. Make sure the Raffia goes around evenly at the base. With another piece of Raffia tie off the broom 1" from where the raffia is bent over. Then flip the broom over and tie another piece over top of raffia you just tied on.



**FINISH UP:** Trim the end of your broom even - about 1 1/2" - 2" from the bottom of the stick (the end that is hidden in the raffia). Now add ribbon / decorations, to decorate. Your Besom / Broom is now complete! \*\* Remember never make a broom in MAY or else you'll sweep your LUCK away! -- (old wives tale) \*\*