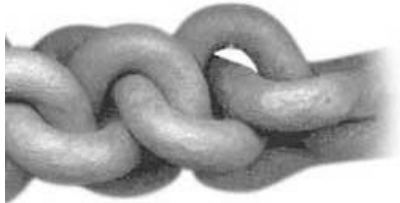


# BRAIDED HANDLE

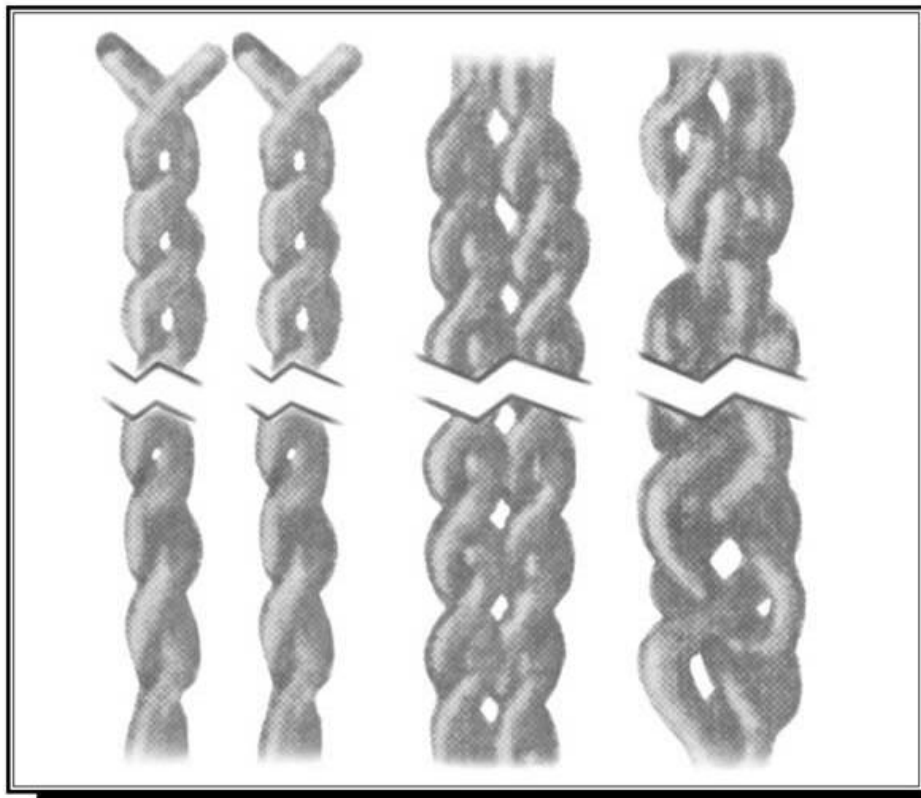


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Braids may be done with a variety of stock shapes. Round, and angle are pictured above. Square stock will also produce interesting shapes when braided.

- 1.** Twist two sets of 1/4" round stock together, make sure both sets have an equal number or turns.
- 2.** Weld the two sets together at the ends, so that all four pieces are fastened together.
- 3.** Twist the unit in the opposite direction of the original twists. As the braided pattern begins to appear, quench, then continue to work the remaining unopened section.



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