

## Basic One Straw Round Lei

## **Directions:**

Take the floral wire and make a loop at one end. Slip one end of the grosgrain ribbon into the loop and twist to hold. To feed the ribbon through the straw, slide the wire up through the straw. Remove the ribbon from the wire. Pull the ribbon about 1-1/2" out of the top of the straw and tape this end to the straw. The rest of grosgrain ribbon will be coming out at the bottom of the straw; this is your main line ribbon. At the other end of the grosgrain ribbon, tie a knot about 12" from the end.

Leaving a 2" tail, take the end of the yarn and tie to the bottom of the straw where the main line ribbon is coming out.

NOTE: If you are using more than one type of yarn, hold all of the yarns together and tie all of the ends to the bottom of the straw, leaving the 3" tails.

Hold the straw in one hand and hold both strands of yarn in your other hand. Wrap both strands of yarn around the straw in a winding motion and be sure to keep an even tension. Slowly, slide the yarn off of the straw and onto the grosgrain base ribbon.

Important Note: Always keep some of the wrapped yarn on the straw until you are done with your lei to prevent any uneven gaps in your lei.

Continue wrapping and sliding the yarn onto the main line all the way down to the knot in the main line. Continue wrapping the yarn and sliding the yarn onto the main line until you reach about 2" from the bottom of the straw. Slide all of the yarn off of the straw and knot the yarn securely to the main line. Trim off excess yarn.

Remove the tape from the end of the main line ribbon and slide the ribbon out of the straw. Spread the yarn evenly throughout the lei so that there is an even thickness. Knot the beginning of the lei securely and trim off the tails.

Slip one kukui nut onto each end of the lei and knot the grosgrain ribbon to secure. Trim the ends of the main line at an angle to prevent fraying. Tie the ends of the main line together into a bow to wear the lei.