

4-Leaf Clover -- Left Opening Designed by Christine Manges, with credit to Rissa Moore for the Small Valentine Heart that inspired this trivet

Materials

- 3 strips torn full-length (54-60" selvage to selvage) for EACH braid strand
- White lacing cord or string – four pieces each 10"
- Lacing needle
- Scissors
- 1 Large safety pin,
- Clothespin
- Optional braid-aids
- Supplies for your butt method

Instructions

- If using braid-aids, put them on each strip
- Fold and place strands on the Start Pin
- Note: loops are counted on the smooth side of the braid only and not the folded-edges side

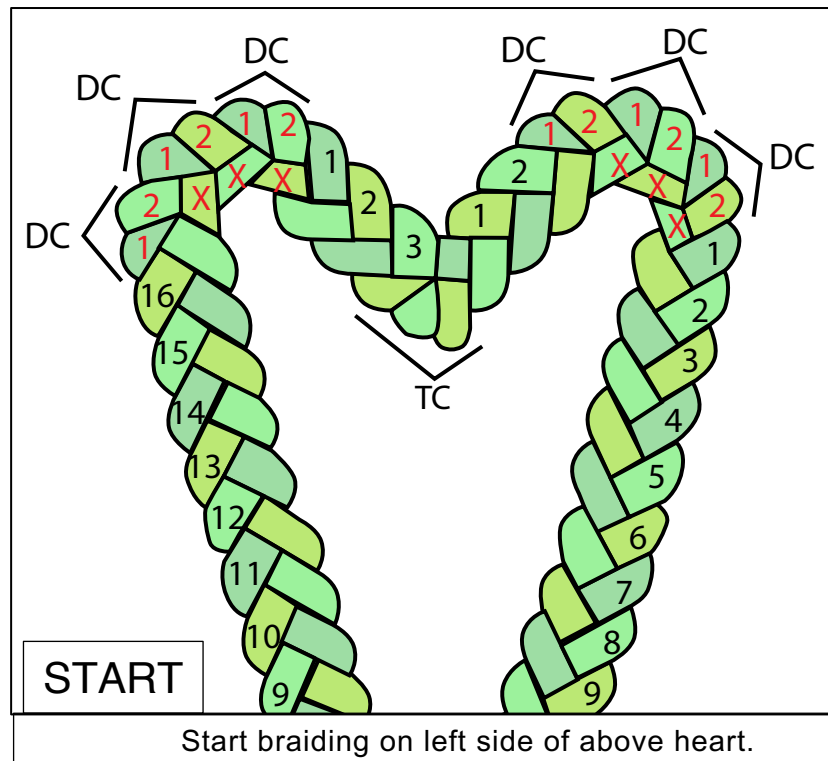


4-Leaf Clover Trivet with ties at sides of each leaf

Abbreviations

DC = Double Corner, or Twice-over
TC = Triple Corner

- Braid:
 - 12 loops (These will be the *last 12 loops* of a 16-loop side, or loops 5-16)
 - **3 RRL double corners
 - 3 loops
 - Triple corner, LLLR
 - 2 loops
 - 3 RRL double corners
 - 16 loops **
 - Repeat between **, for 4 heart-shaped clover leaves



4-Leaf Clover Braided Trivet

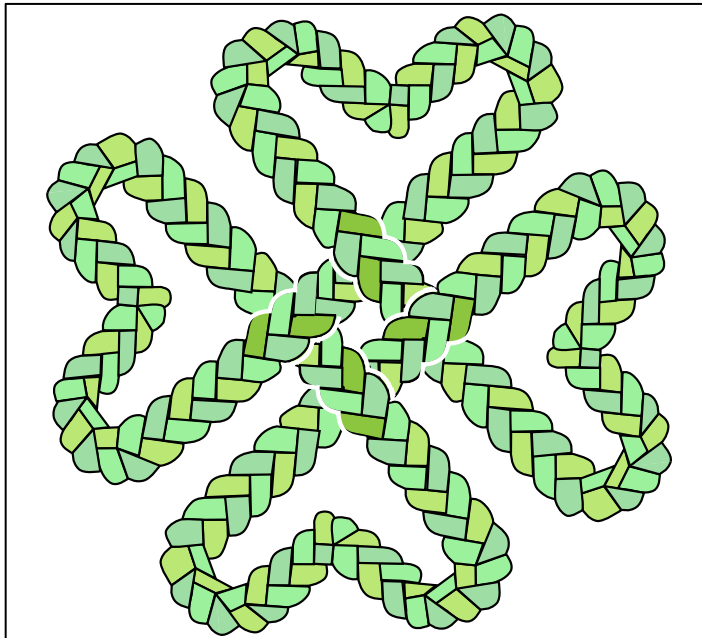
Celtic Weave in Center

Study the center of the photo on prior page and diagram below right. Note that the first side of each heart follows a weaving pattern. In the photo, the braid that travels from the center to each leaf goes UNDER then OVER another leaf's stem.

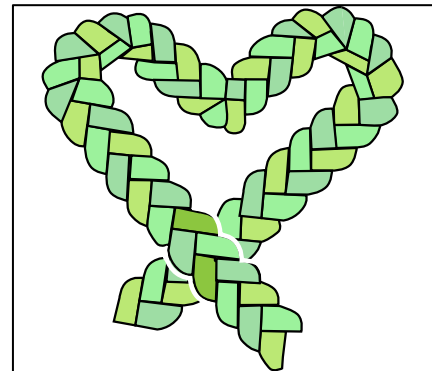
You could get just as good a result by having each braid go OVER then UNDER the next stem. Just keep the pattern consistent before you butt the braid.

Butt the Braid

Making sure that the length of the butt side equals 16 loops in total, butt by any method you like. You can even simply pin each braid firmly under a crossing braid, trim off the Start and Finish raw edges, then whip-stitch the braids together, and stitch them in place to the overlying braid (we used this butt for the braided wreath with Peggyann Watts).

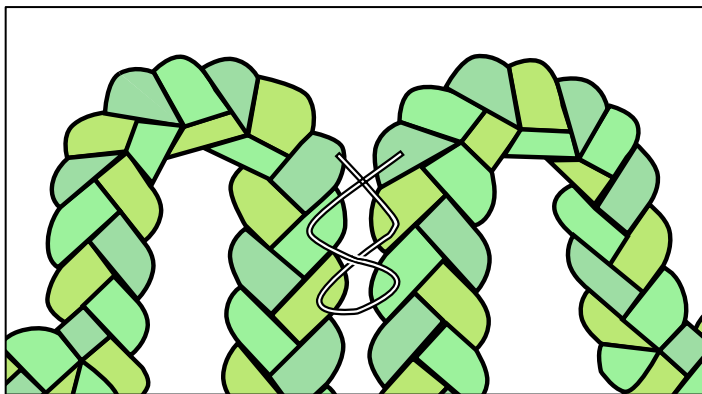


What the butted 4-Leaf Clover should look like



Shows the braid on the left crossing over the braid on the right.

The only remaining step is to stabilize the trivet with 4 ties that hold the clover leaves together at the outer edges of each heart.



Shoe-lace outer sides of heart, over 2 loops on each leaf

Shoe-lace Outer 2 Loops of each heart

Take a 10-inch length of lacing cord (or string, or other white cord) and thread it in a tapestry needle.

Pass it under loops to shoe-lace the outer straight sides together, for two loops on each heart. Do not include the double corner loops.

Tie the ends in a bow; trim ends.