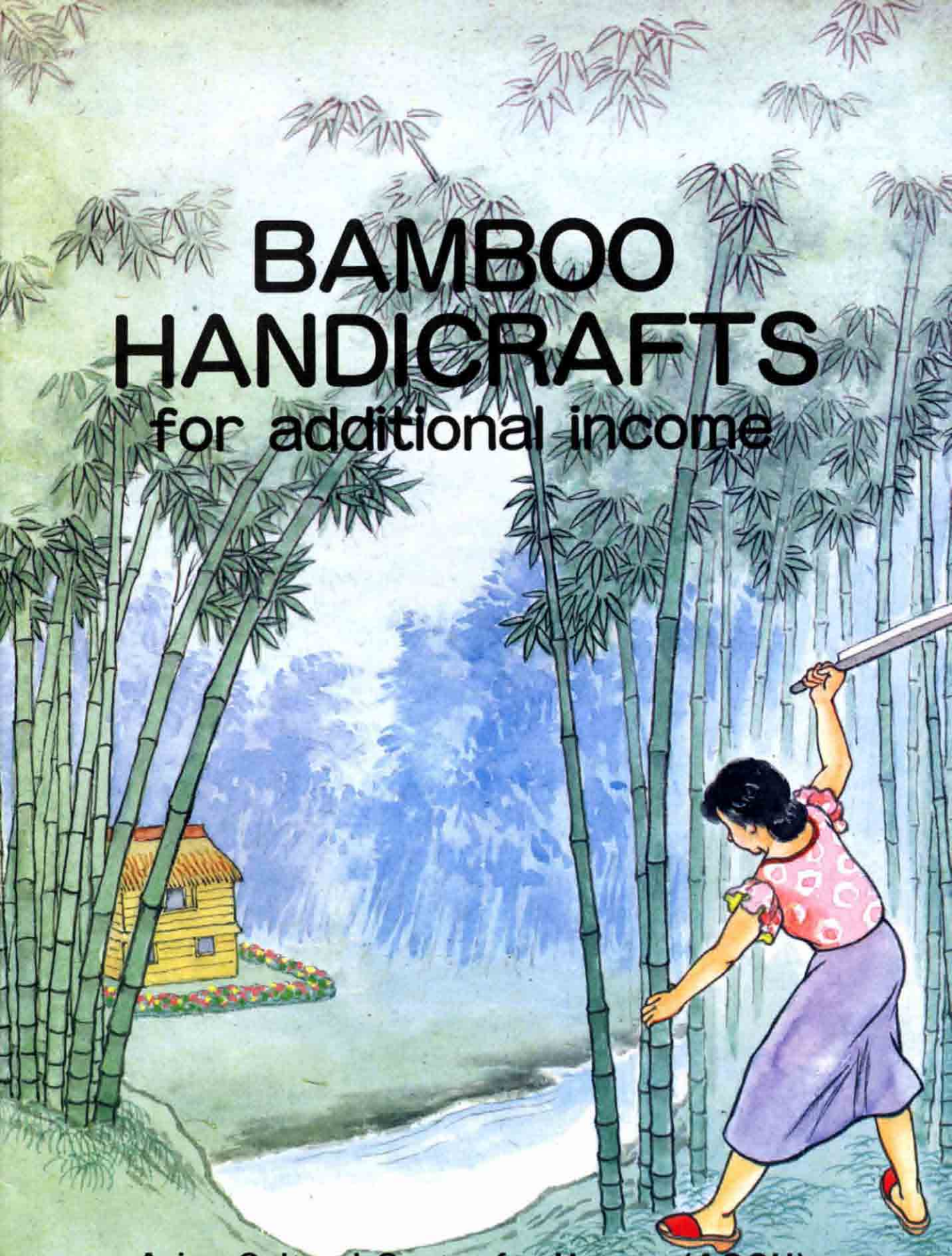


BAMBOO HANDICRAFTS

for additional income

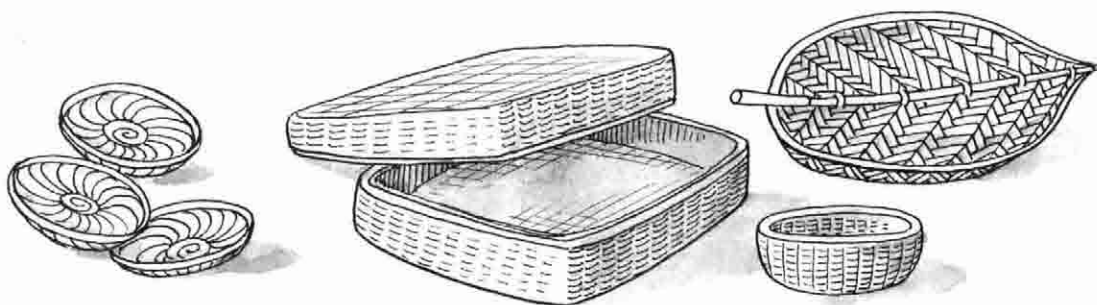


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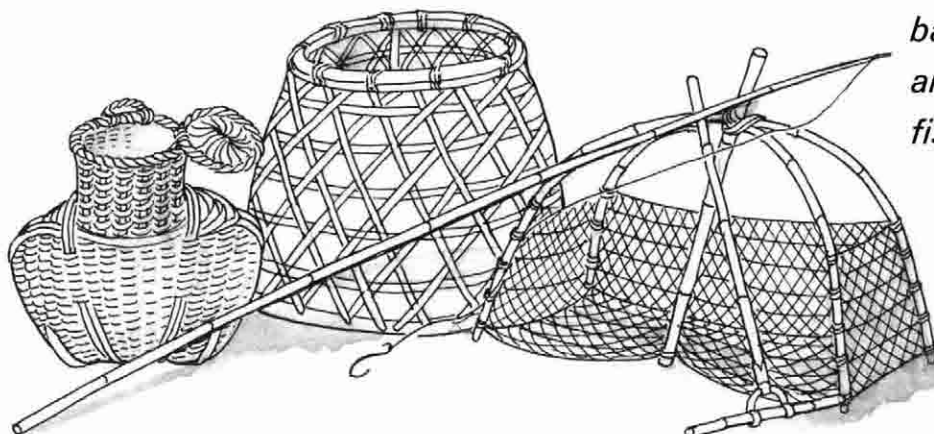
Is there bamboo growing in your village? Bamboo is very useful material. From bamboo we can make tools, containers, and other things to use in everyday life. By using these items, our lives can become easier, happier, and more abundant. Also, selling bamboo products can be a source of extra income. Let's use bamboo and make many kinds of things.

Bamboo crafts

...for indoor use
tableware, etc.



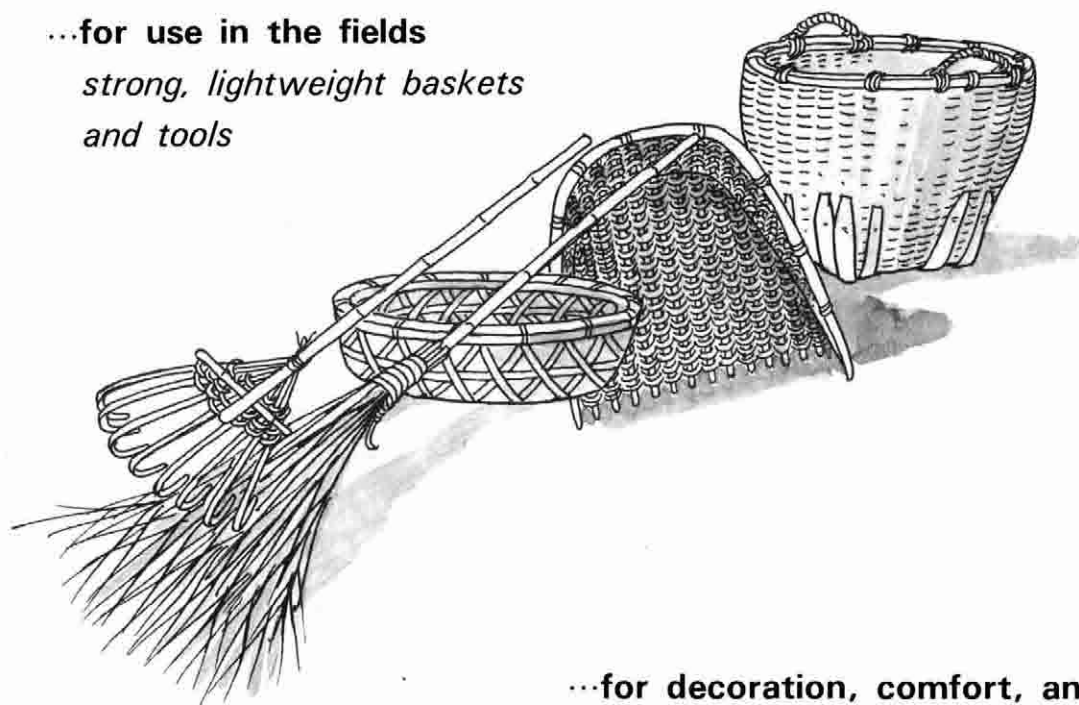
...for fishing and
trapping
*basket traps
and
fishing poles*



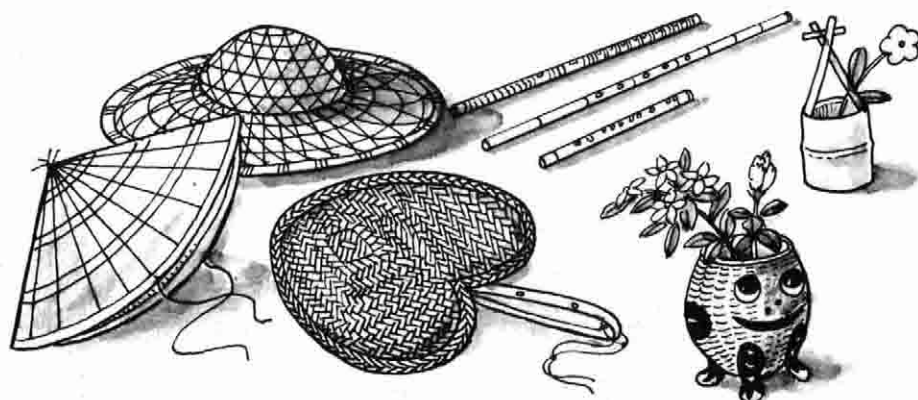
...for shopping
and carrying
*shopping baskets
and bags*

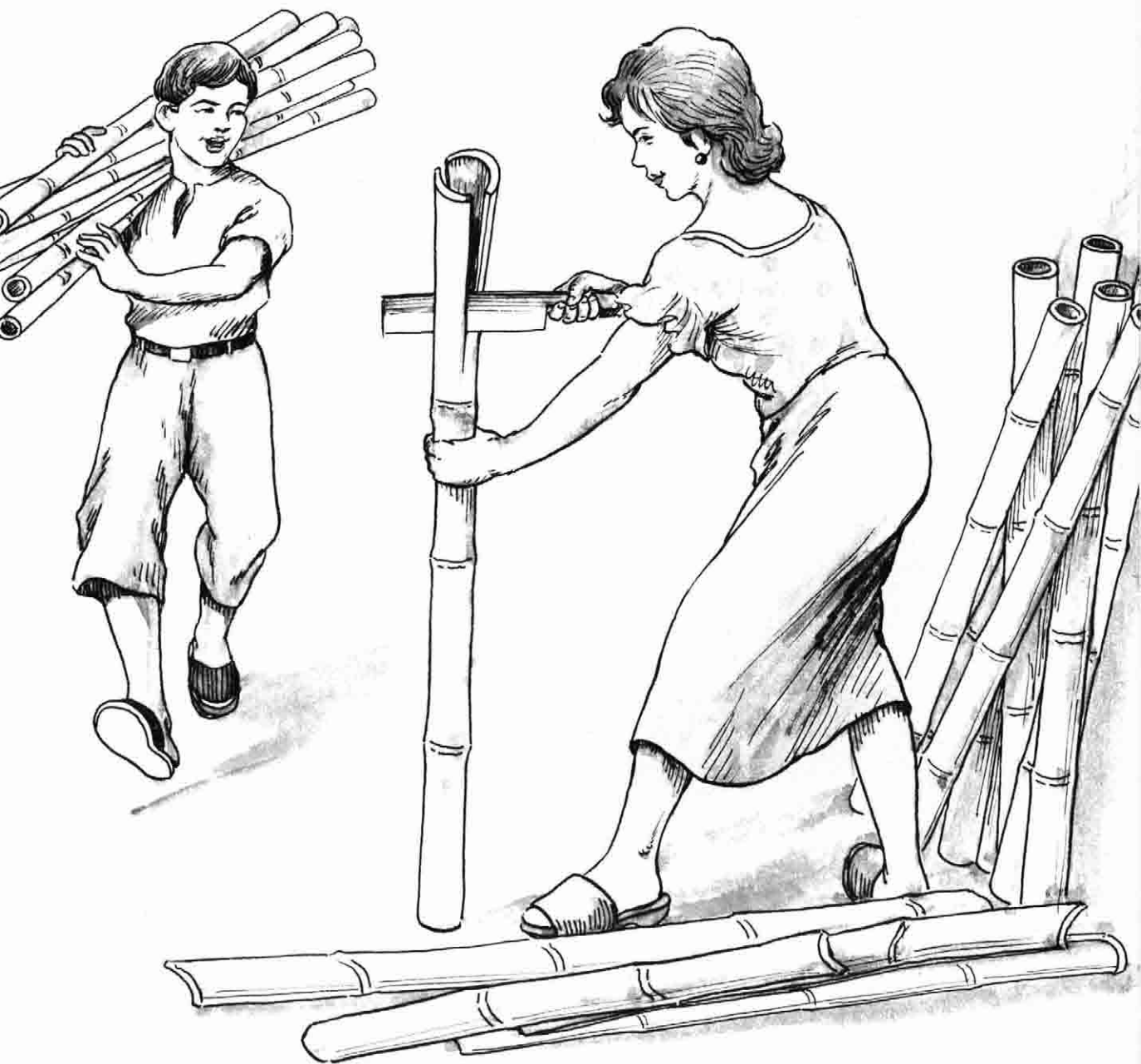


...for use in the fields
*strong, lightweight baskets
and tools*

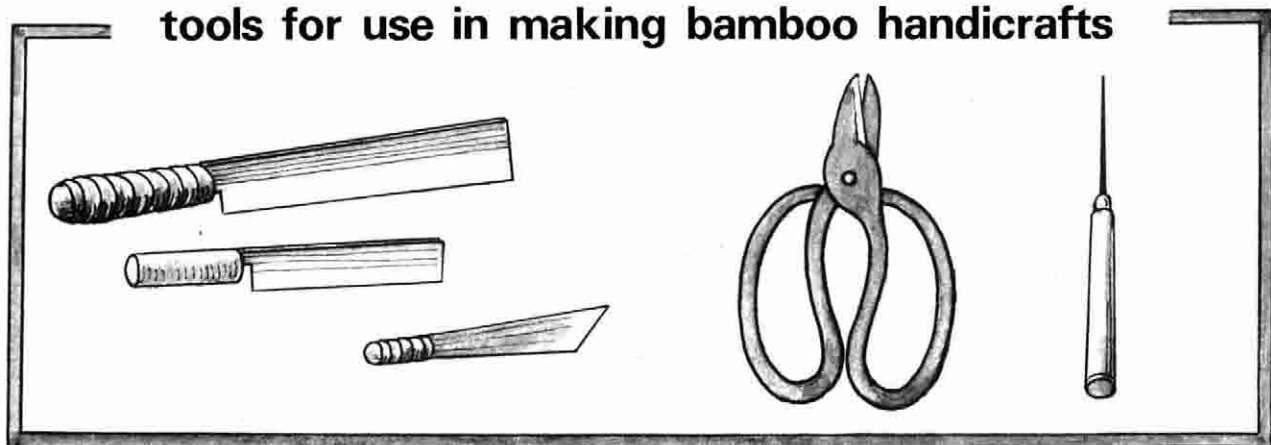


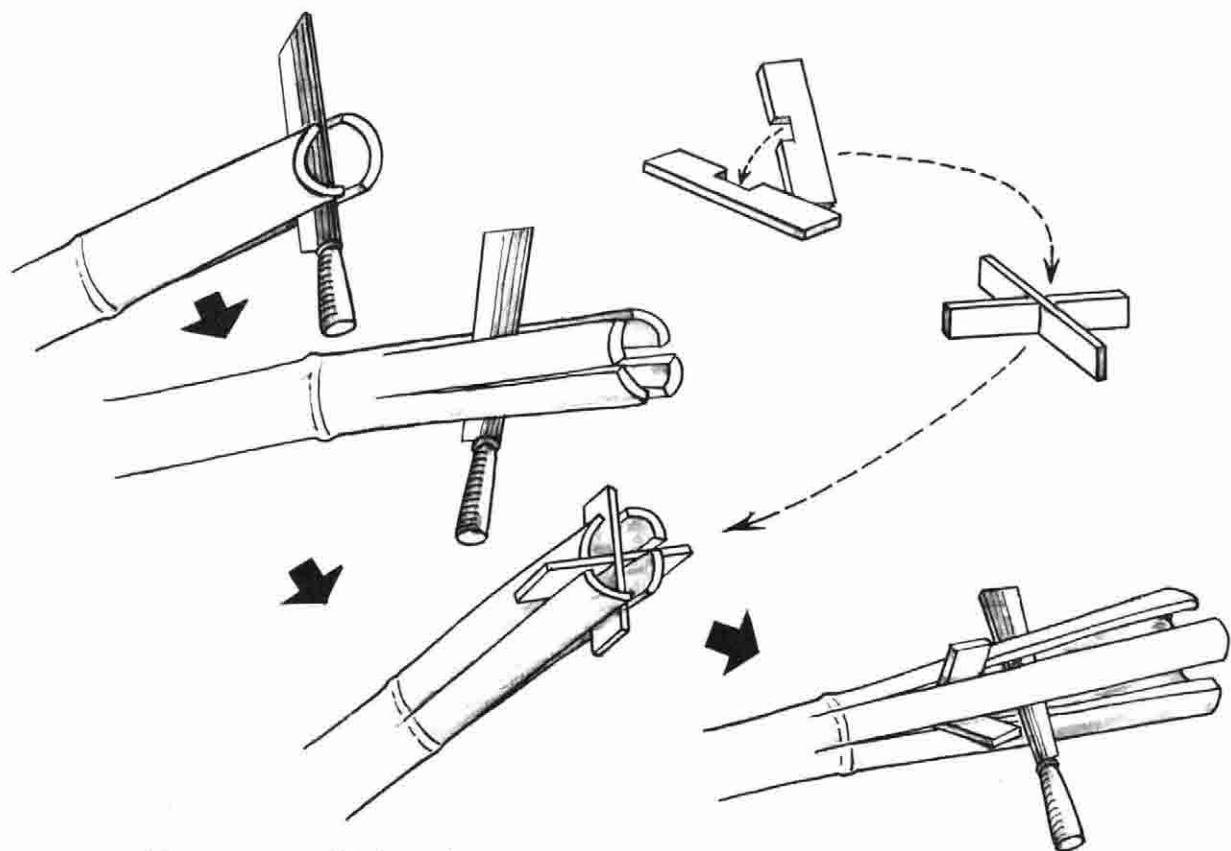
...for decoration, comfort, and
pleasure
hats, flutes, fans, etc.





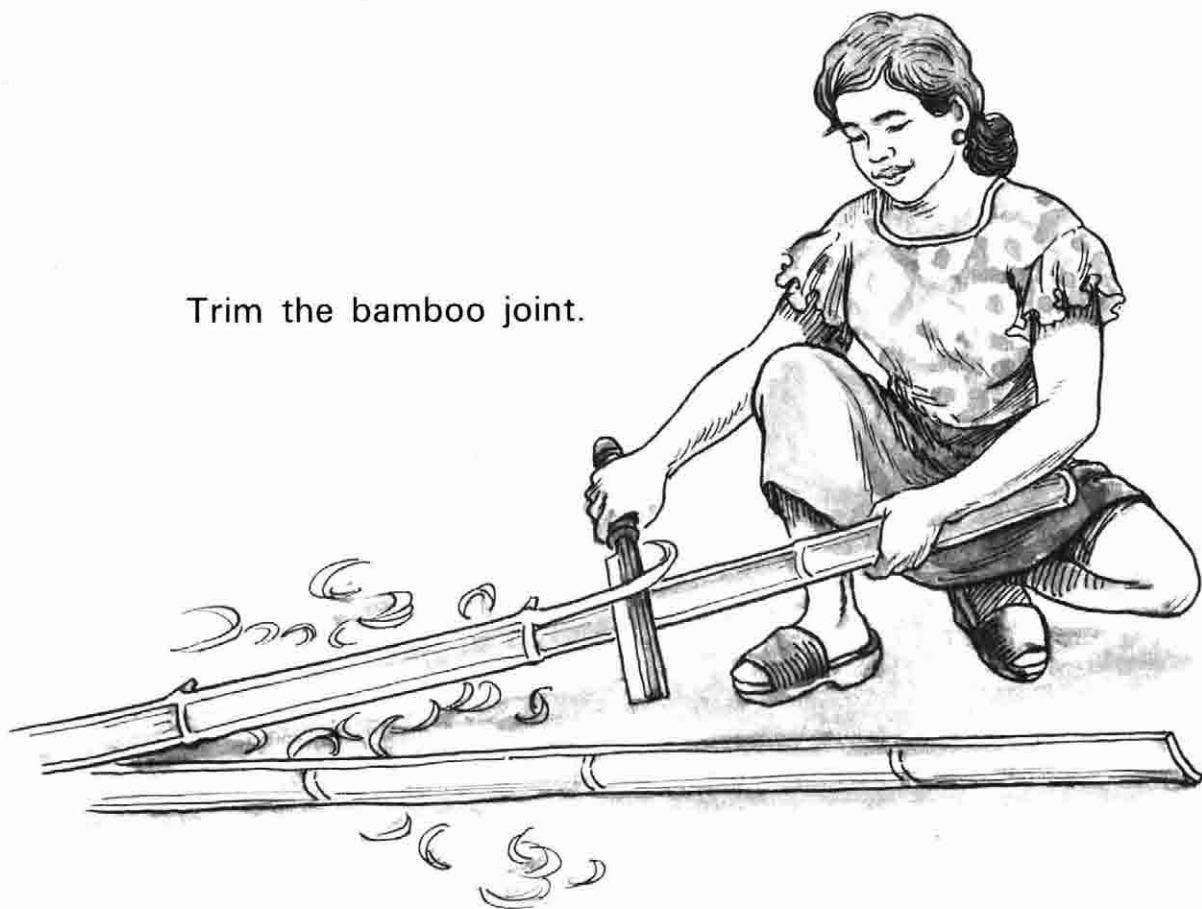
tools for use in making bamboo handicrafts





How to split bamboo
into 4 lengths at once.

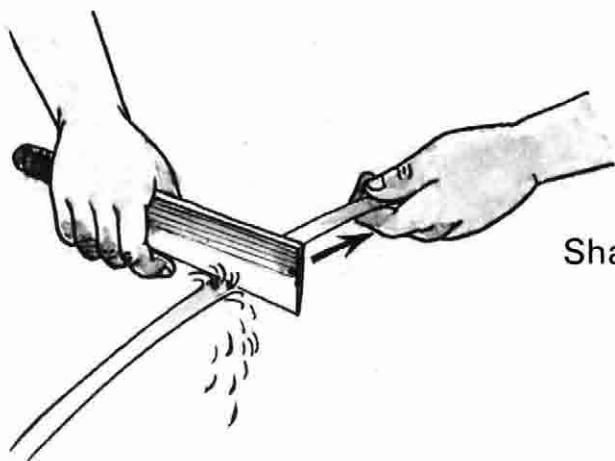
Trim the bamboo joint.





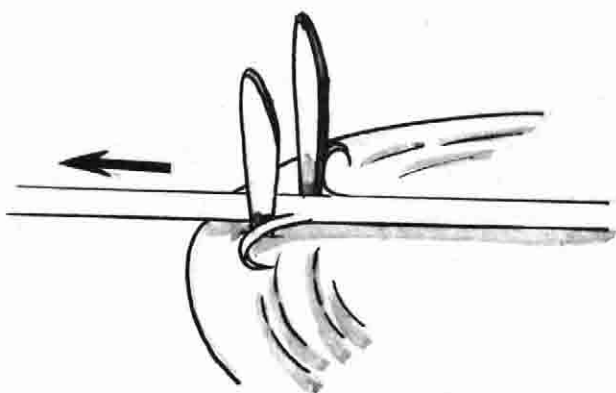
Let us prepare bamboo strips for weaving baskets.

Further split bamboo lengths with a smaller tool.



Shave off rough surfaces.

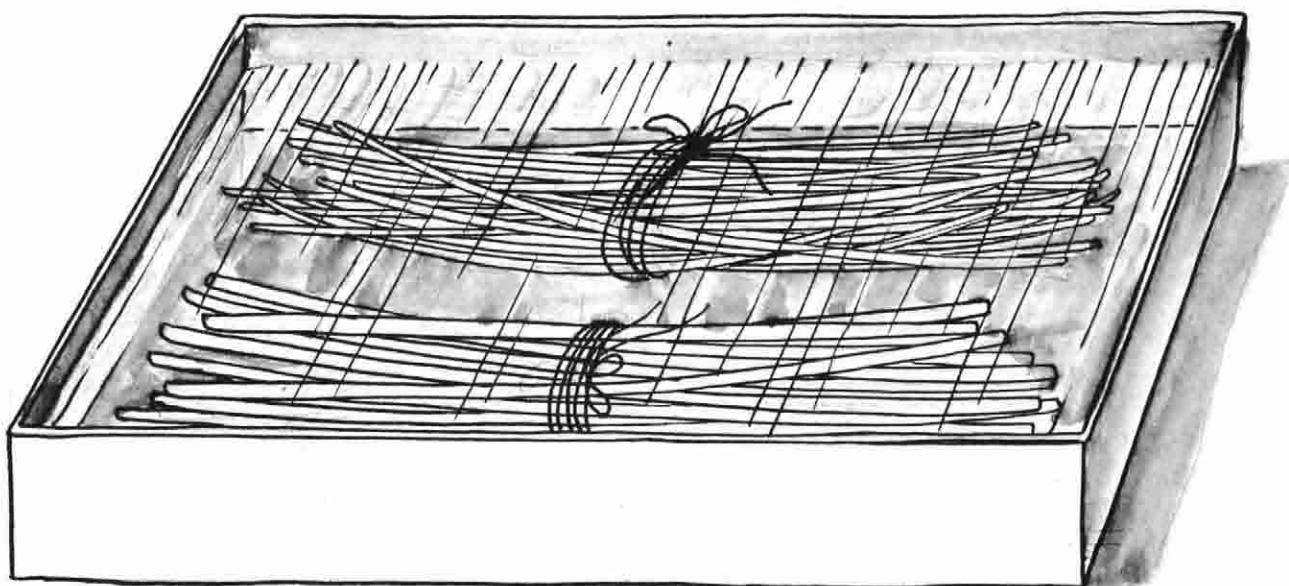
Pass strips between two blades to make them of uniform width.



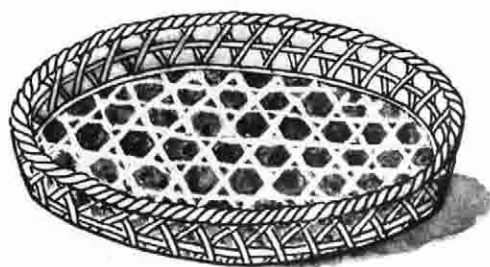
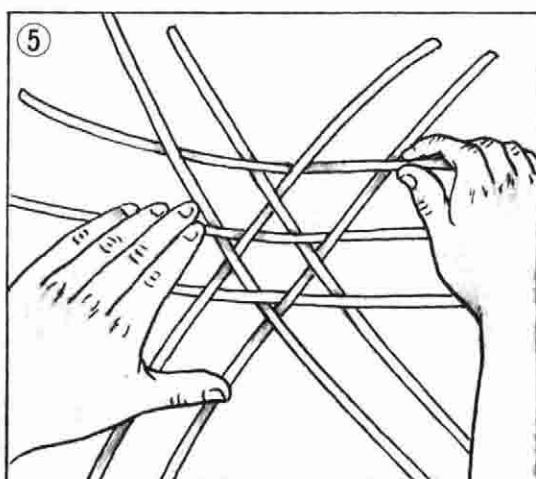
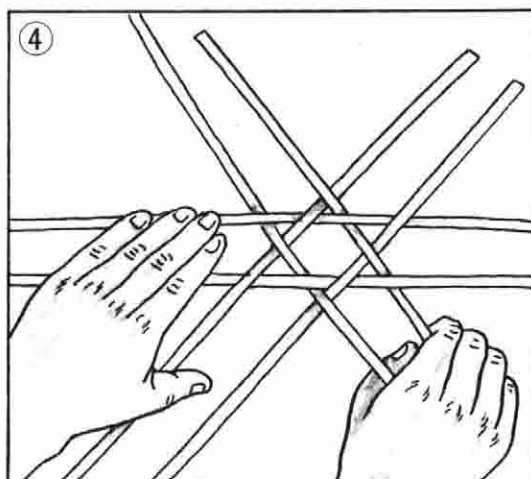
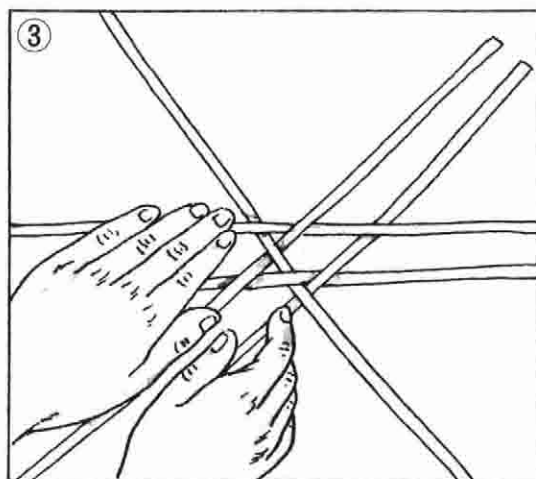
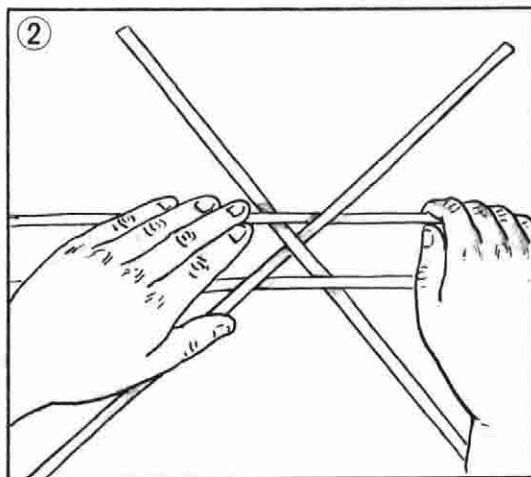
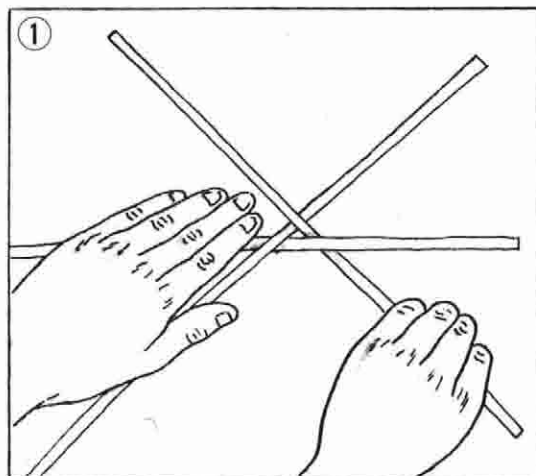
Shave strips to make them thinner and to make their surface smooth.



On the day before you weave baskets, soak the strips in water about 10 hours to make them more flexible.

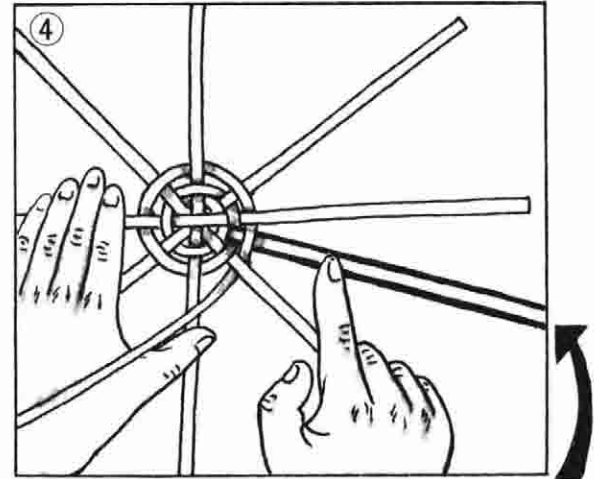
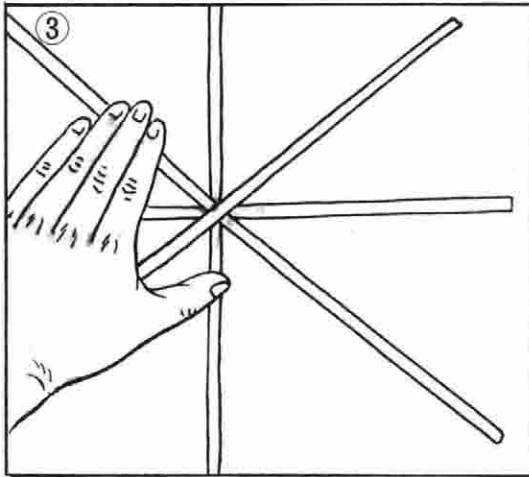
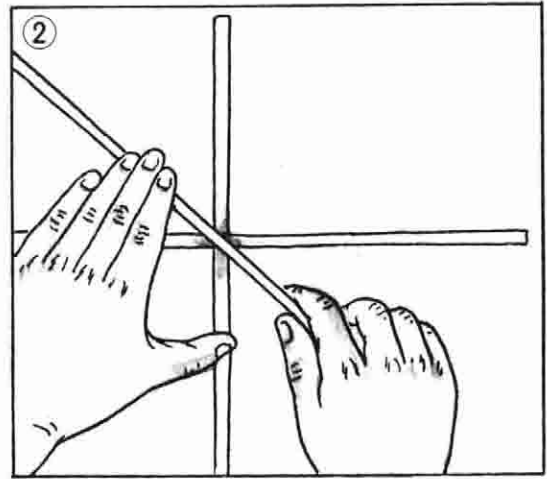
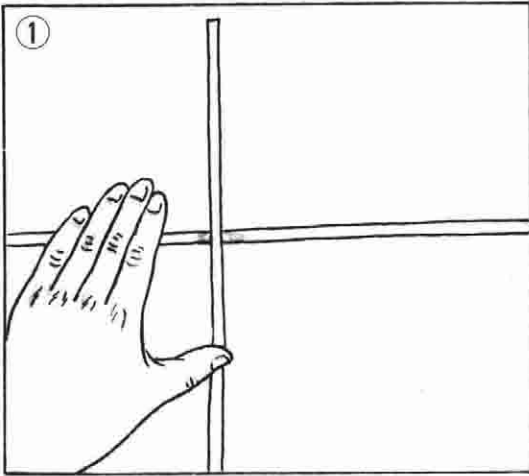


Let us weave a basket (1)

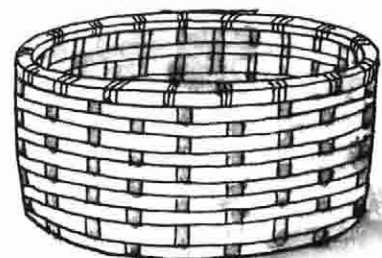
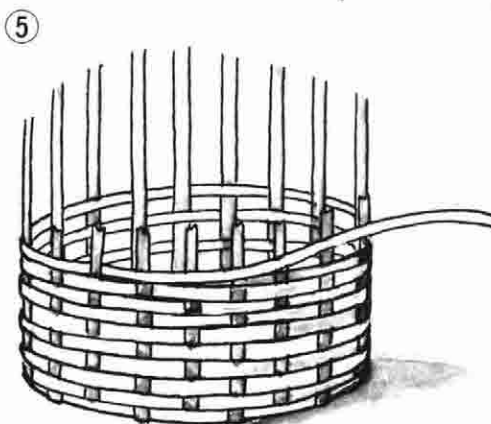


finished

Let us weave a basket (2)



Caution: Add a half-length strip of bamboo. (An odd number of strips must be used.)



finished



You can make bamboo handicraft objects in your free time, at your own pace.



Making baskets can mean making money.

Doing things together
makes life more enjoyable.



Guide for utilization

Objectives:

1. To understand the importance and function of bamboo in everyday life
2. To learn techniques and a variety of designs for actually making bamboo products
3. To realize the possibility of additional income and a fuller life through sale of bamboo products

Target:

Middle and self-learning level neo-literates in rural areas

Application:

1. Before distributing booklets to learners, the instructor briefly talks about the importance of bamboo. Showing actual bamboo products to learners is most effective.
2. After booklets have been distributed and read by learners, problems and, especially, points of interest are taken up in question-and-answer and discussion among participants (including instructor).
3. A group of interested persons is formed to discuss improvements in village life, focusing on actual bamboo crafting.