

TUVALUAN ILI CRAFT

The art of Tuvalu has traditionally been expressed in the design of clothing and traditional handicrafts such as the decoration of mats and fans (ili)

Tuvalu handicrafts such as the ili (fan) are known for being colourful and elaborately woven.

Design and make your own Ili for someone you love, use your environment to inspire your designs.



Step.1

You will need:

scissors, pencil/pen, card, wool/ribbon, tape coloured pens/pencils, circle template



Step.2

Use circle template to mark out 2 circles on card.

Draw your patterns in the circles.

You can take inspiration from pictures of ili (fan) examples



Step.3

Colour your design

Cut out circles and make appropriate cuts/holes to weave into.



Step. 4

Weave & have fun



Step 5.

Add handle (between the two circles)



Optional – You can add other embellishments’ or decorate the handle

Step. 8

Your ili is finished

