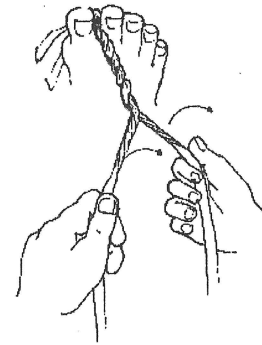


# Cordage Making

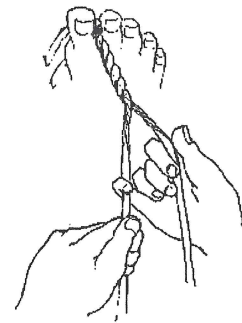
Discover what making cordage is all about:

- 1 Select two strands of raffia\*, knot them together at the end, and tape to a table. (Or go barefoot as in the diagrams below!)

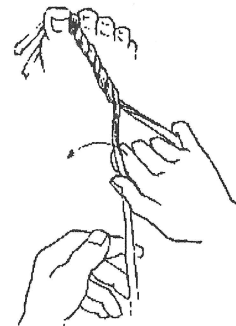
- 2 Holding one strand in either hand, begin to twist each one clockwise.



- 3 With the little finger of your right hand, pick up the left strand.



- 4 Cross your right hand over to the left, turning both strands in a counterclockwise direction.



\* While not a material the Chinookans would have used traditionally, raffia is very popular today and is readily available in most craft stores.

*Drawings by H. Stewart,  
Cedar, 1984*