

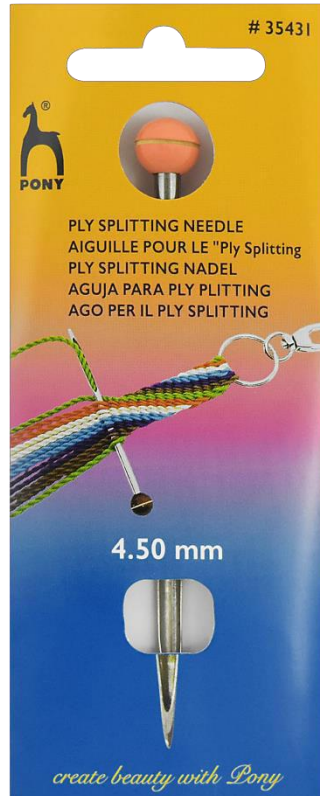
# A delightful **KEY PENDANT** to brighten up your life



## **PONY – Ply Split Braiding**

Ply Split Braiding is an ancient braiding technique. For centuries North Indian shepherds have lovingly handcrafted bridles and ornaments for their animals and the women of the South American Wayuu tribe create exquisite handles for their traditionally knitted WayuuMochila bags. It's easy to learn the technique so why not start here with a key pendant? Ply Split Braiding offers unbelievable possibilities and is great fun. You'll soon be creating extraordinary handles to adorn your own crocheted or knitted Boho bag!





*This is what you need from PONY:*

Ply Splitting Needle, 4.5mm;  
Small embroidery scissors



**PONY Ply Splitting Needles are available in two sizes: 4.5 mm and 6.5mm**

Buy two-ply ready-made cords, or make your own two-ply cords using PONY embroidery floss in purple, orange, turquoise, tan, light green or buy them ready-made.

## *Preparation, cord twisting:*

Make cords in each colour using 2 **whole** strands of floss, each 350 cm long. Fold in half, making a knot at the end and twist a cord (finished cord = 8 whole floss strands in thickness). The finished cord should fit easily into the shaft of the Ply-Splitting needle. Twist a cord to test. Don't let the cord become slack, it needs to be firm. The finished cords should be approx. 70 cm long.



**Important:** Ensure cord ends are smooth by wrapping tightly with Scotch tape.

Cut off excess cord.  
See photo.



1. Thread **six cords** through the key ring, (in colour sequence of your choice), folding each cord in half so that both sides are of equal length.

Working from R to L, close up to the ring, split the cords using the pony-splitting needle. i.e.; split the two plies of each cord. The **PONY Ply Splitting needle** has a rounded tip to glide through easily. **Do not split the last cord.** Put this one in the hollow shaft of the needle. **The cord end remains securely in the shaft** as you pull it back through to the RHS.



2. Pull this weft yarn tight. The first row is complete. **Now repeat the step:** from the right push the needle through, splitting all but the final left-hand cord. This cord end is placed in the shaft and pulled through. **Fig. 3 to 5.**



In each consecutive row, ensure you always split directly into the next, lower lying cord twists. As shown in **Fig. 5.** A diagonal stripe pattern is created automatically.  
\* Left-handers might prefer working from Left to Right.



6. When the braid is approx. **10 cm long**, pick up a cord segment from the center of the band (ours is light green), wrap it tightly 3 times below the braided band, winding from bottom to top. Push the **PONY Ply Splitting needle** through, from bottom to top under the twists, pull the cord end through, from the top to the bottom, pull tight.



7. At 6 cm, knot the cord ends and again at 3.5 cm above the end knot. Trim the cord ends, untwisting the strands to make a fringe – **your key pendant is finished.**



*The woven band is very sturdy and tough. This is a simple pattern suitable for beginners. There are numerous variations, in different widths and even three-dimensional weaving is possible. Use the finished bands as bag handles, belts or straps.*