

Figure 10

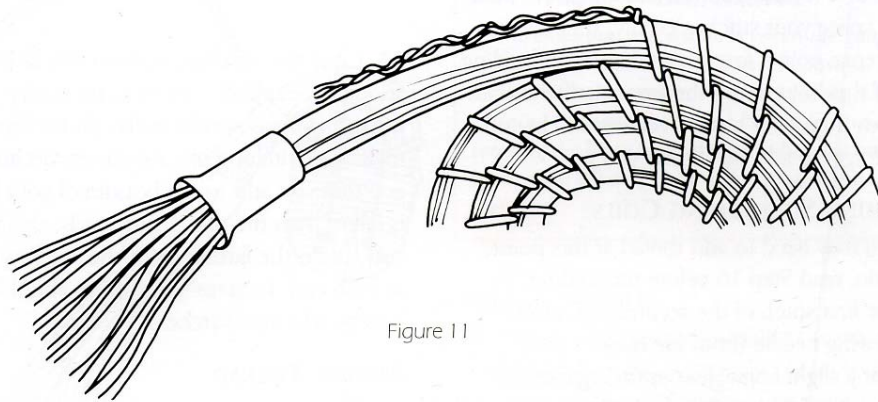


Figure 11

stitch, but don't pull the thread all the way through the coil. Instead, leave a 4"-long tail at the back of your work (see Figure 10).

17. Using the knot shown in Figure 1 again (see page 15), tie the two short tails together on top of the coil. Then twist the two tails together and fold them on top of the coil. Then twist the two tails together and fold them over on top of the pine needles to your left (see Figure 11).

18. Take the next plain stitch, which will wrap over the twisted tails and hold them in place. Trim the tails off close to that stitch and continue plain-stitching with your new thread. The knot and tails will be hidden by the next coil.

19. When the distance between stitches is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm), you must add new stitches. First finish a coil by stitching until you've reached the starting point.

20. Now, as you stitch the next coil. Double the number of stitches you take (see Figure 12) until you're back at the starting point again. The new stitches will be slanted in appearance. As you begin stitching the next coil, tug each previously made new stitch gently to the right to help straighten p the stitches on the inside of your basket.

21. Continue to take a stitch over each on in the coil beneath, until the bottom of your basket contains nine complete coils. Stop stitching at the starting point. Press a small piece of masking tape onto the inside bottom of your basket in order to mark the starting point.

### ***Hiding Knots***

*When you're stitching a coil that will not be covered by another coil and you need to add thread, simply tie the new thread to the old, gauging the position of the knot so that when you take the next stitch, it will be pulled into the center of the coil beneath. Trim the thread ends and tuck them into the coil as well.*