

# PRIMARY WIRE RIM

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Reagan has prepared a 16-minute video to walk you through the steps below. The materials used in the video is a cork cord which is nearly identical to the Primary Wire cord used on this project. The video is downloadable from the AGS website. Go to the Crafting Tutorials page for the written directions and the video. <https://www.americangourdsociety.org/crafting-tutorials.html>

## Materials for the Rim

- Awl, Drill with 5/64" drill bit
- Pencil
- Scissors (old) or pliers for cutting coated electrical wire
- Primary wire (black or color of your choice). Can be found in the electrical section at hardware stores
- Tapestry needle, black waxed linen or artificial sinew



1. Measure and mark for hole placement, 1/2" down and 1/2" apart. Adjust the spacing when you come back to the first mark if there is a gap or too close. Make a starter hole with an awl for the drill bit so it will not skitter. Drill holes, smooth any rough edges. If pencil marks remain, wipe away.
2. Measure around the circumference of the gourd rim, then triple that number.
3. Cut 3 strands of Primary Wire the length just determined.
4. Thread the tapestry needle with a yard of black waxed linen. Begin your stitching by tying the waxed line through a hole with a double knot. Hold all 3 strands of the cord together and wrap snugly over the wire and through the next hole, and repeat the overhand stitch through each hole. This process will be repeated for three rounds around the rim, stitching through each hole all three times. Secure the waxed linen cord on the inside and trim off the extra cord.