



How To Weave Ketupat Box

*(a skillful traditional handmade craft works
wonder as a food container)*

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Ketupat Weaving

Ketupat has always been the signature food item in the exotic Malay world, that must be prepared, served and eaten during the festival day of Hari Raya or Eid. The Ketupat is a savoury rice cake wrapped in woven coconut leaves. Ketupat boxes are woven from strips of young, pale green coconut palm leaves. You can often find these little packages at Asian stores filled with rice. Common in Malaysia, most Malaysian women, having learned the craft as children. The ketupat is still being woven and sold by the Satay vendors of Malaysia and Indonesia, but ketupat weaving in these regions is fast becoming a dying craft among the young generations as alternative and more expedient methods of making the rice cake have become available to the present generation.



Ketupat casings are however still woven in homes for the Aidilfitri celebrations. During such times street vendors can be found at the market offering ketupat casings and cooked ketupat as well throughout the night till the wee hours of morning.



The Unique and Handmade Craft With A Purpose

By itself the ketupat case or *kelongsong* is a unique form of handmade craft. It is truly a skilful form of handmade craft utilised from nature that accomplished as food container efficiently in a practical way. Furthermore, the beautiful unique design of the ketupat case also can serve as a home decorations, during that day. For this purpose the case is made from colourful ribbons.



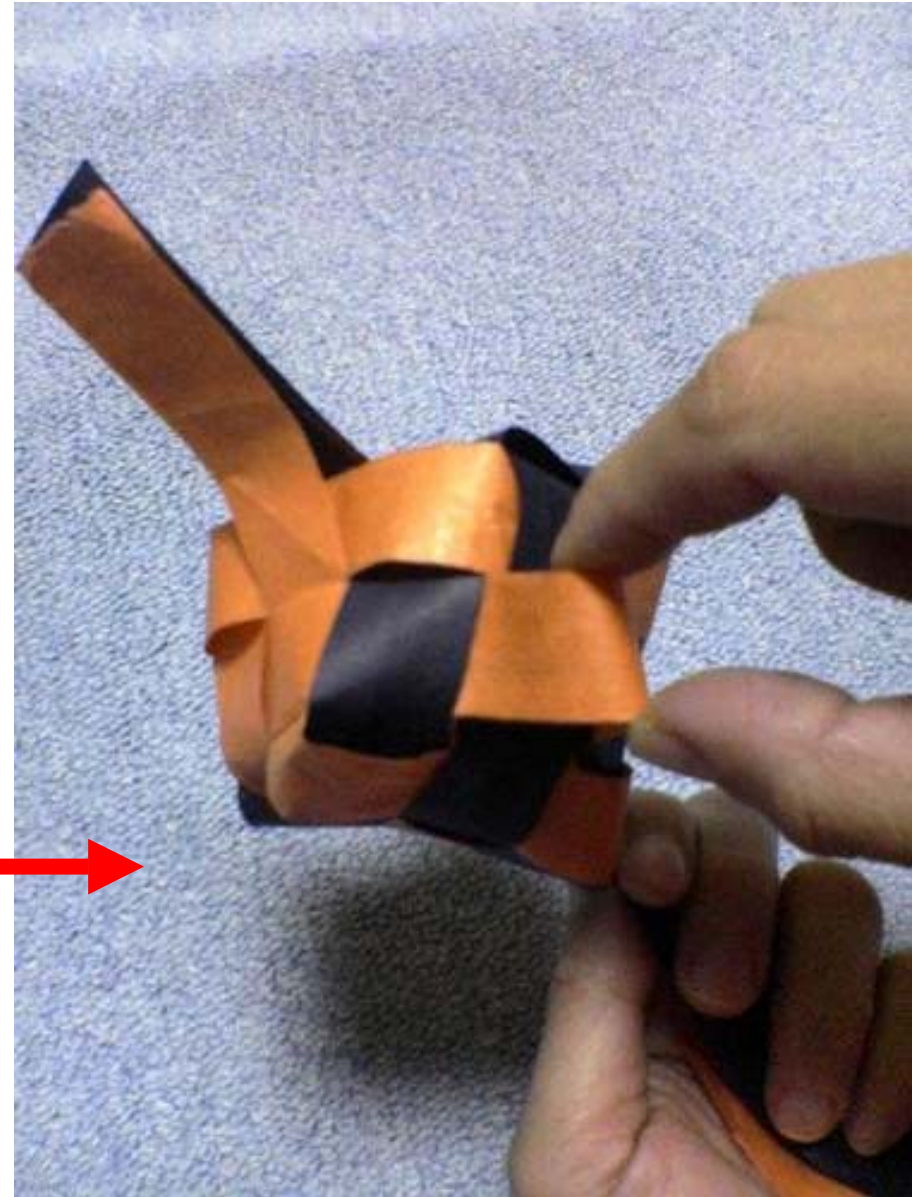
Decorative Ketupat Box

For decorative purposes, ketupat casings is woven in multicoloured craft ribbons. Therefore for instructional purpose it is much easier for you to learn how to weave the strips in the process of making the ketupat casing.

Weaving ketupat case may look simple, but without proper instructions and practice, no one will ever know how to make it. This book is for you to learn in a pictorial guide how to weave the ketupat case. More than 40 guiding photos will guide you step by step from start to finish.



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