How to Weave 'Aha

'Aha - 1. rope woven from many cords
   - 2. a council of experts

Aho - a single strand of a rope

1. Loop 2 strings of equal length through a key ring & lay them flat as 8 aho or cords (4 on each side)

2. Take the outside aho under the other 3 aho on that side ...

3. Take the same aho under the 1st two aho on the opposite side ...

4. Pull this aho over the inside 2 cords on the opposite side, then lay this aho on the inside row on the same side it started from.

Be sure to pull the cords tight as you weave each step so the 'aha will be strong!
5. Repeat steps 1-4 for the outside aho on the other side. Work from one side to the other repeating these steps.

6. As you weave, a box-like pattern will emerge in the ‘aha. When you are done, simply tie off the ends (you may want to burn them or dip them in wax to prevent unwinding).

**TIPS:**

Try to keep 4 aho in each hand to prevent making errors.

Using different colors may help you keep the aho organized, and it will create a unique pattern!

Ask a friend to hold your key ring as you work, or loop it around your toe or other object that will stay in place.

**Bonus Question:** Why do you think Hawaiians used the same word for a rope and a council? What is important about this metaphor?