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HANDSPUN BUSH STRING

The fibre used for the making of bush string is bark stripped from certain species of sapling trees. The inner bark is removed, chewed or pounded and then spun by twisting and rolling with the palm of the hand along the thigh a few strands at a time. Colours are obtained by boiling the unspun fibre with local roots and bulbs.

Handspun string bags locally known as yakou, yibali or but but bags are used for gathering bush tucker and are usually worn around the head. Bush string is also widely used for making headbands, armlets, harnesses and other ceremonial regalia.

head band