

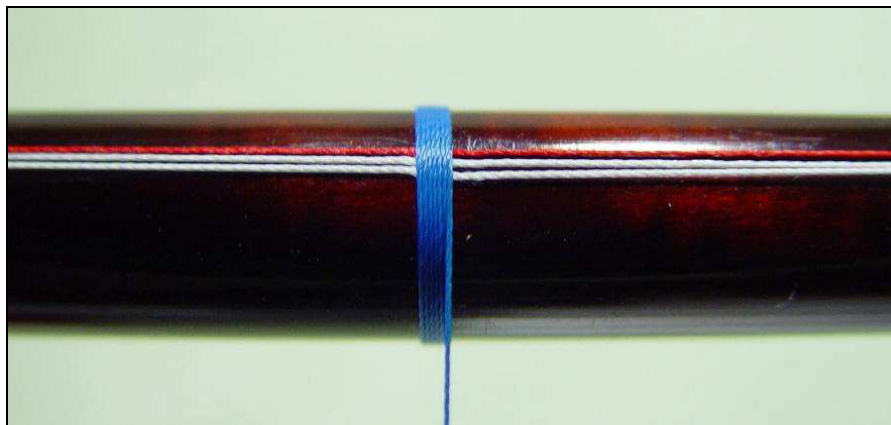
Trim Bands and Tie off Wraps

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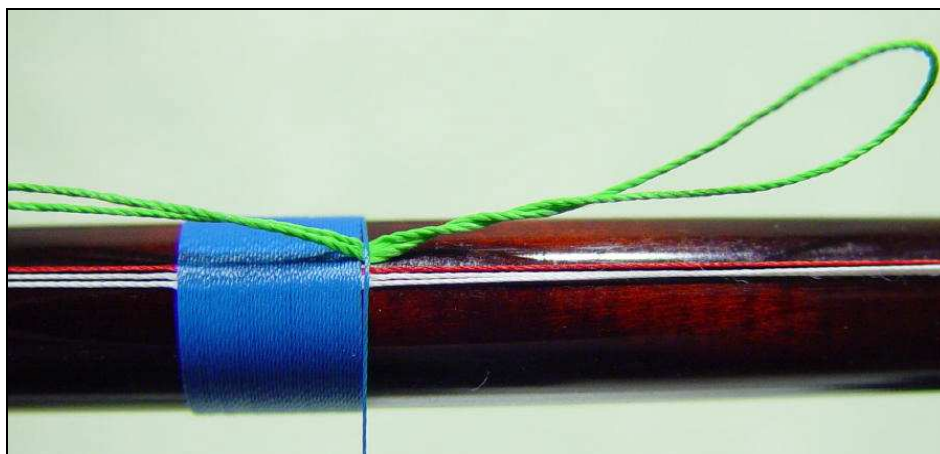
For this trim band tutorial, I will use thread colors Red, White, and Blue. Each band in the tutorial has three complete turns. You may add more turns to make the bands wider or you may delete the number of turns to make the bands narrow. You can add more bands or delete some.



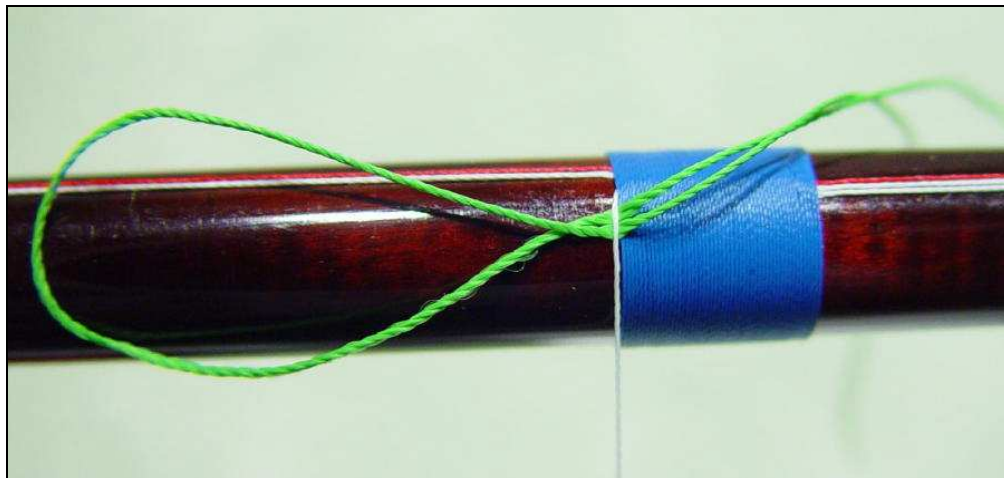
Step 1 I decided to have three bands. White, red, and white with blue as the base wrap. The first thing I done was cut the threads that I am going to use for the trim bands. I will normally cut about 18 “ to 24” strands of thread. Tape the ends of the threads on the blank so the center of the threads are going to be the center of the trim bands.



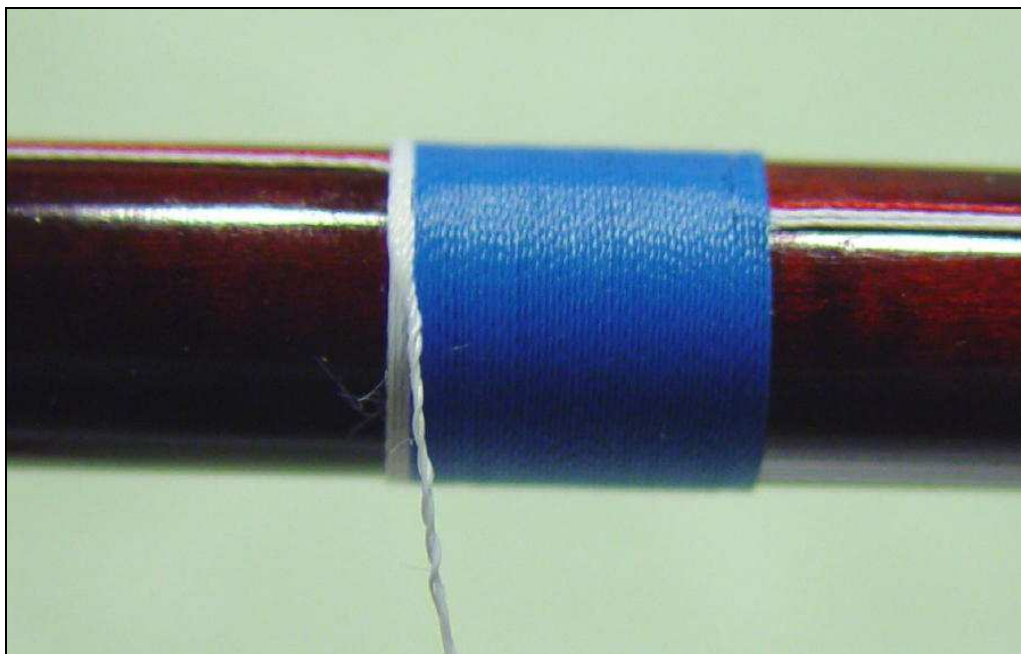
Step 2 Start the base wrap. You may do any length of base you wish that you are comfortable with.



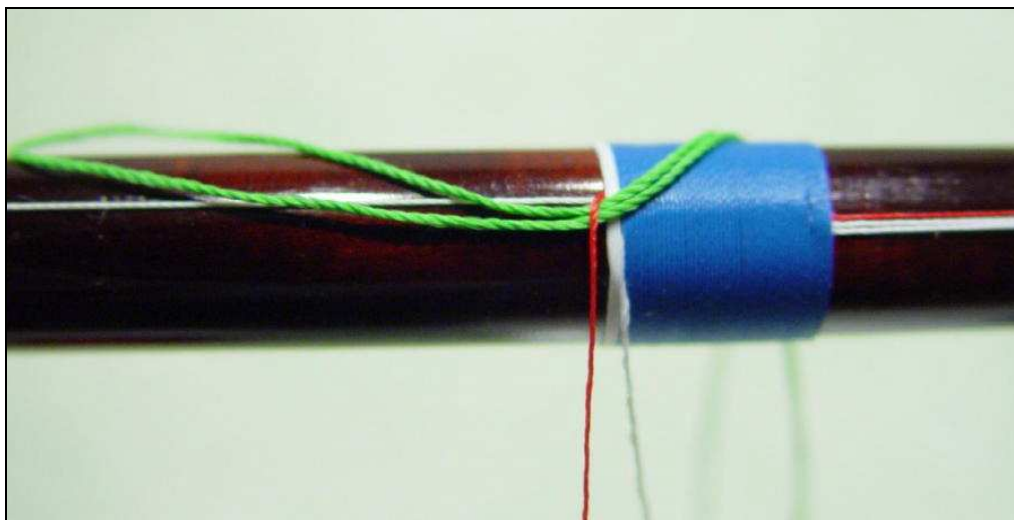
Step 3 Tie off your base wrap as normal.



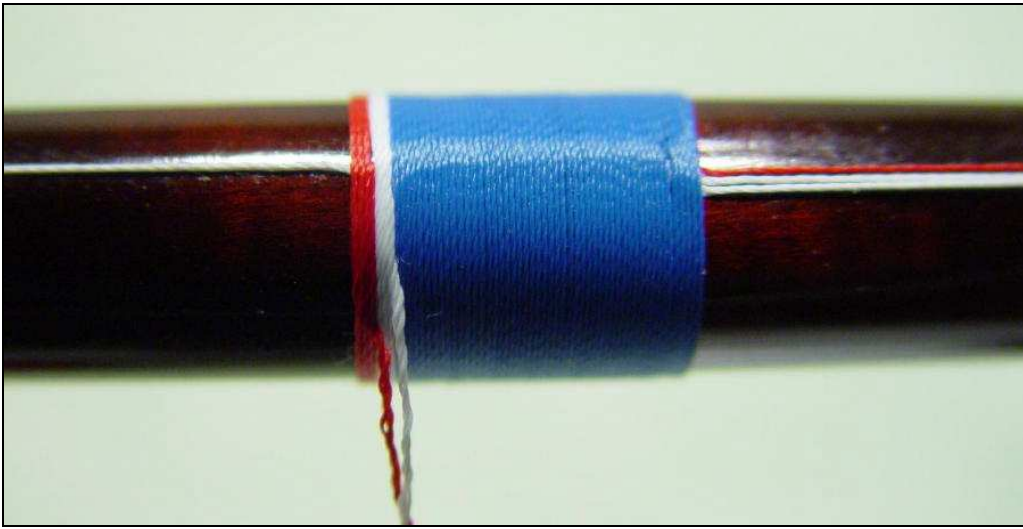
Step 4 We will now complete the bands on the left side first. You may complete these on either side first. Remove one of the white threads and put your tie off loop in place.



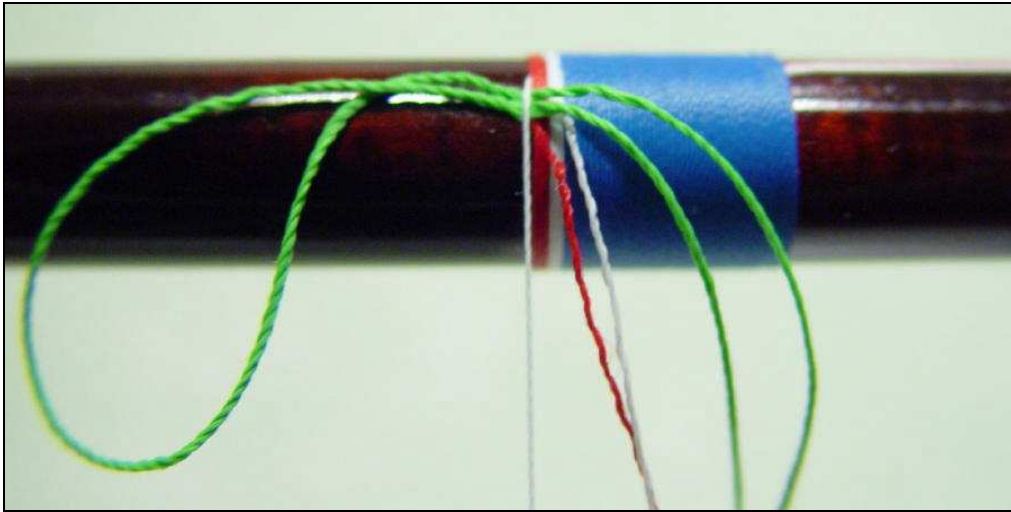
Step 5 Complete your number of turns and tie off. Here I complete 3 turns. I like to trim the thread so I have about 1" to 1 1/2" left. If you trim the threads as normal (flush) the wrap may unwrap while you are doing the other bands. Even the wrap up.



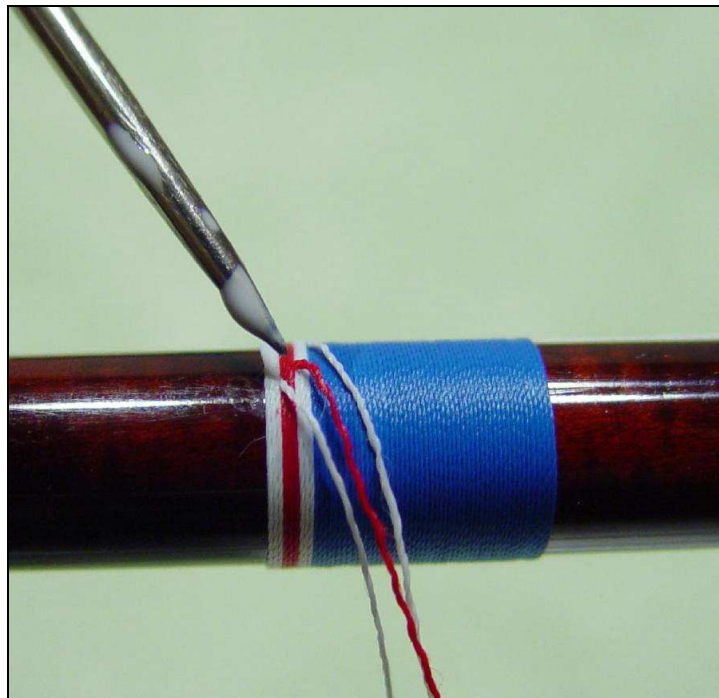
Step 6 The next band will be red. Remove the red thread from the tape. Insert the tie off loop.



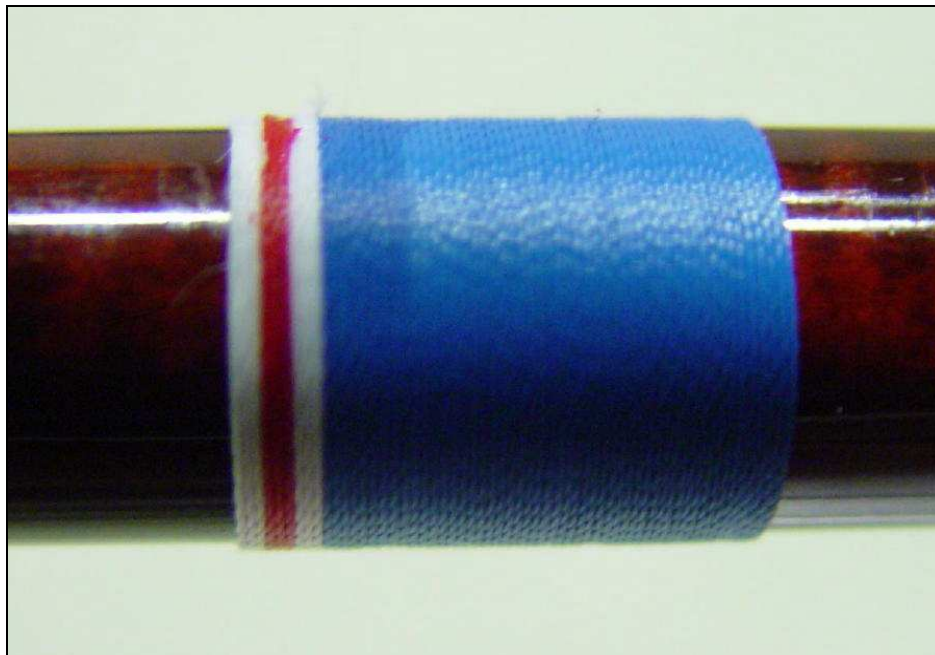
Step 7 Here I completed three turns and tied off. Again trim the threads leaving 1' to 1 ½".



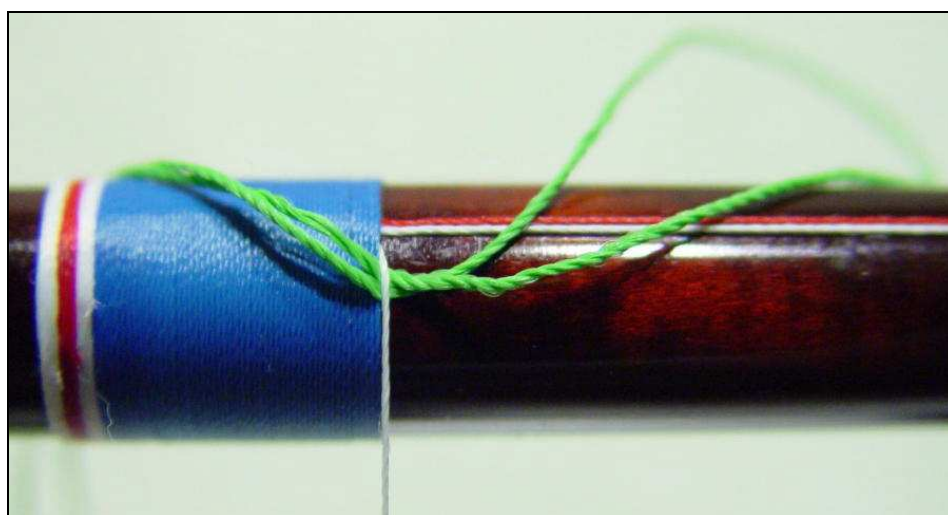
Step 8 Now for my last band for the left side. Remove thread and insert the tie off loop and wrap. For this demo I did three turns.



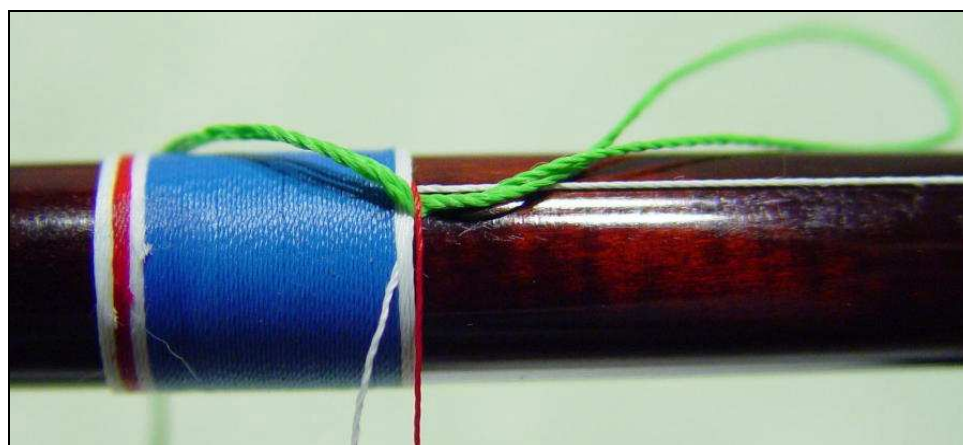
Step 9 After I evened up the wrap, I applied a drop of CP where I did the tie offs. Once the CP is dry, trim off the threads.



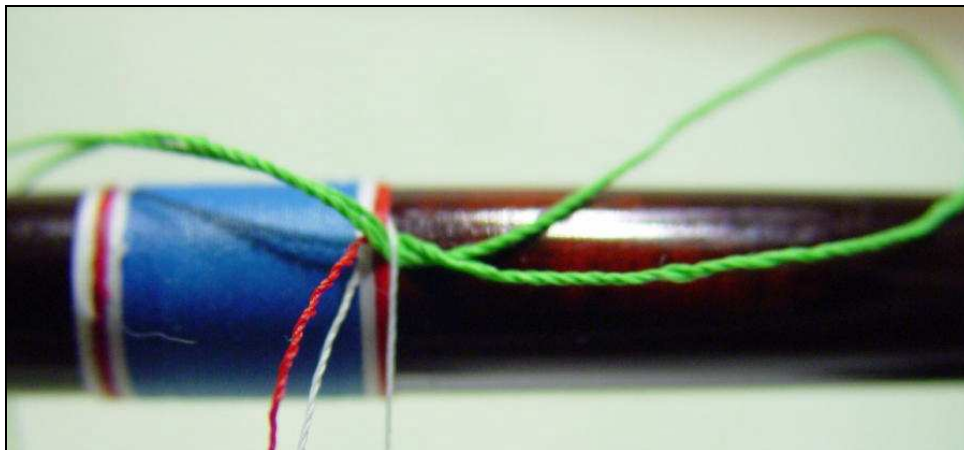
Left side is completed.



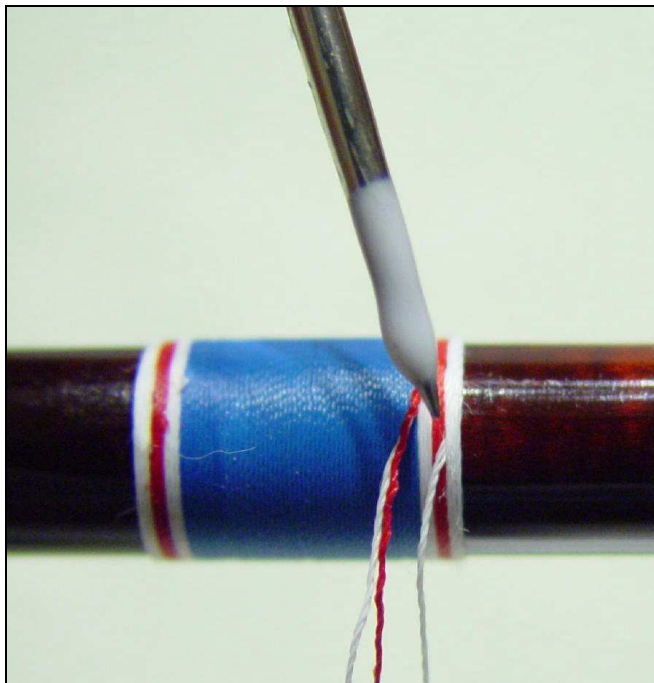
Now follow steps 4 – 9 for the right side. Here is the first white thread.



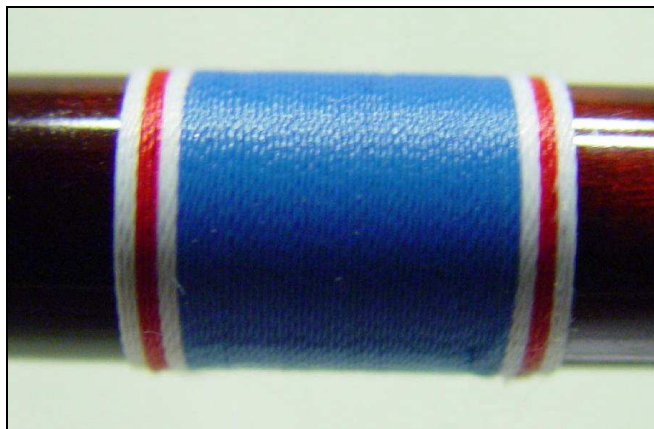
The start of the red thread.



The start of the last white thread.



Don't forget to put a drop of CP on the tie offs to hold them in place. Once dry, trim the threads.



Completed.



Finished sample.