



## How to Stiffen & Install Rattan Webbing in a Frame

Follow these steps to ensure your rattan webbing is properly tightened and secured in your cabinet or furniture frame.

### What You'll Need:

- Rattan webbing panel (cut slightly larger than the opening)
- Large container or sink
- Hot water (not boiling)
- Cabinet or furniture frame
- Staple gun or spline/glue (depending on frame style)
- Scissors or utility knife
- Towel

### Step #1: Soak the Rattan Webbing

- Fill a sink, bathtub, or large container with **hot water** (not boiling).
- Submerge the rattan webbing fully and **soak for 30-45 minutes**. This softens the material and makes it more flexible to stretch.

### Step #2: Remove and Pat Dry

- Take the webbing out of the water and gently pat it dry with a towel—just enough to remove excess surface water. It should still be damp and pliable.

### Step #3: Stretch and Place in the Frame

- Lay the webbing flat across the back of the cabinet door or frame opening.
- **Pull it tight in all directions** so it's as stretched and taut as possible. The tighter you secure it now, the better it will look once dry.

### Step #4: Secure the Webbing

- Use a **staple gun** or **wood glue with spline** to attach the webbing into the groove or back of the frame.
- Work from the center outward, continuing to stretch and smooth as you secure all edges.

### Step #4: Let It Dry Completely

- Allow the webbing to air dry overnight (8-12 hours). As it dries, it will naturally shrink and tighten, creating a firm, professional-looking panel.

### Step #6: Trim the Excess

- Once dry and fully tightened, use scissors or a utility knife to carefully trim any extra material around the edges.

### TIPS

- Always cut the webbing 1.5-2 inches larger than the frame opening on all sides to give you room to stretch and secure.
- Don't skip the soaking step—dry webbing won't stretch or tighten properly.
- For best results, allow to dry in a well-ventilated, room-temperature environment. Fans can also be used to assist in the drying process.

