

# A GUIDE TO MAKING ILIMA LEI

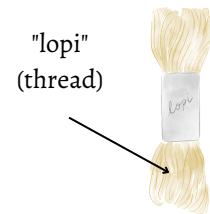
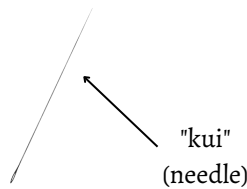
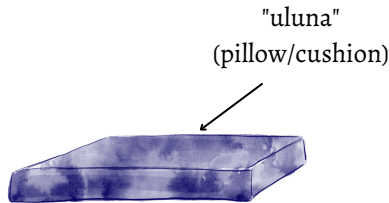
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Ilima flowers are picked as buds in the cool hours of the day.



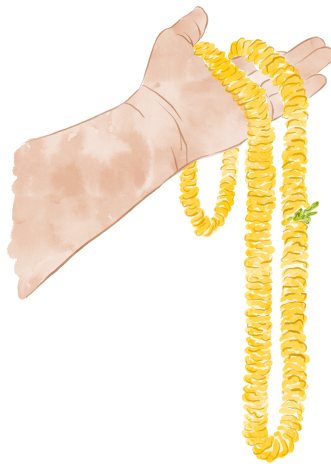
As the buds begin to blossom, the lei maker prepares to make lei. What will he need?



He'll need a cushion to lay flowers face down, a sharp needle to pierce and string each blossom, and thread to hold the flowers together.



The lei maker strings each flower with great care. The flowers are very delicate and can be easily damaged.



The lei maker is patient with the process as it can take 500 or more flowers to make just one lei.



Once completed, it is a lei that is adorned for a day, but cherished forever.



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