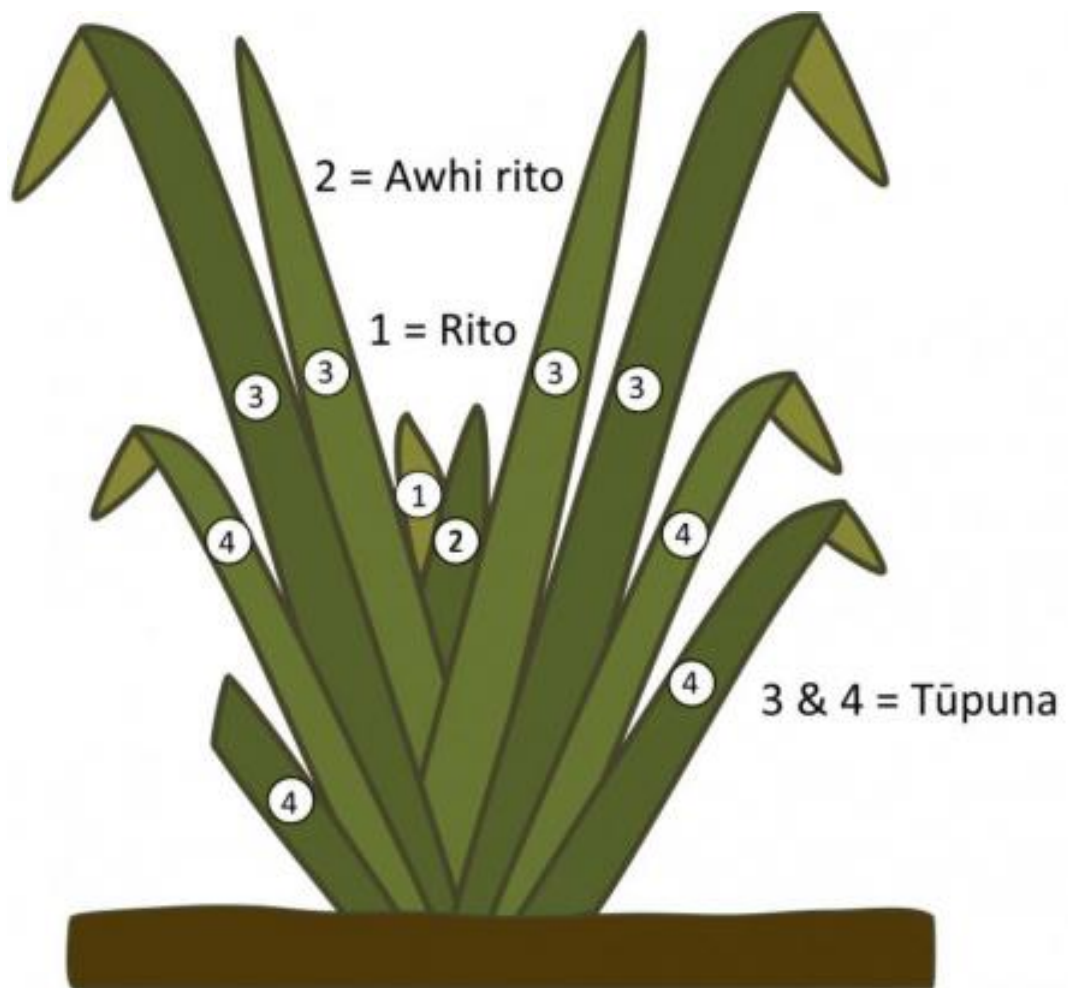


Harakeke Plant



HOW DO I HARVEST AND PREPARE HARAKEKE?

Tikanga and protocols for Harakeke

Harakeke should not be harvested at night, in the rain, frost, wind or when it's in flower as this also weakens the plant and could create a slippery environment to work with. Before the harvesting or working with Harakeke, it is important to do karakia (Māori prayer) to give thanks and show respect for the taonga (treasure) that Tanemahuta has gifted us.

It is very important not to cut the Rito (child) or the central shoot, because the rito is the new shoot of the plant that will produce more harakeke. The outer leaves are cut close to their base on an angle away from the rito, this is so the rain does not go in the middle of the harakeke leaf making it vulnerable.

Harakeke and unfinished weaving is not to be stepped on or over and there should be no eating while working as this can be distracting to the weaves and damage the woven items.

Once started a woven item must be completed to ensure that the harakeke is not wasted and the weaver progresses.

The first woven item of any new craft is usually given away to compliment the person who is receiving it and encourage the learner to progress!



Harakeke harvest Video



(link)

Name: _____

How to harvest harakeke

Match the tikanga to the step.

Step

Tikanga

Step 1 .

• Understand what pieces to harvest (Tupuna)

Step 2 .

• After weaved return scraps to harakeke bush

Step 3 .

• Check the weather and time is suitable

Step 4 .

• Harvest the harakeke on an angle going away from the rito and awhi rito

Step 5 .

• Do a karakia to thank Tanemahuta for his gifts

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