

Nature Weaving

Make a beautiful weaving using natural objects you might find in your garden, the park or on a walk. Great for practising fine-motor skills too!

There are 2 ideas for a frame (called a loom): using a pre-cut cardboard loom or for more of a challenge, a loom made from tying sticks together.

You will need:

- Cardboard (have a look through the recycling bin a shoebox lid or cereal packet is a good shape), scissors, wool or string
- sticks, grasses, flowers on long stems, herbs, leaves see what you can find!
- 1. Cut out a rectangle or a different shape of card. Cut some tiny notches along the sides where the string/wool is going to go. About 2cm apart.

OR Arrange your sticks in the shape of the frame you would like and then tie them together tightly where the sticks cross, with the string/wool.

- 2. Wrap wool or string across the cardboard or sticks keeping it fairly tight but not too tight that it bends the card or snaps the sticks.
- 3. Your loom is now ready to start weaving! Have your loom in front of you with the wool or string (threads) going from top to bottom. These are called the 'warp' threads.
- 4. Choose a long piece of grass or flower stem and start weaving under and over the warp threads by going from one side of the loom to the other. These are the 'weft' threads.
- 5. Now choose another grass/flower and do the same BUT..... you need to do the opposite to the first weft thread. So...if you went under the first piece of wool/string with your first weft thread, you need to go over it with the second weft thread. Check each time you start a new weft and then say 'under, over, under, over'.... or 'over, under, over, under' until you get to the other side.
- 6. Keep going until you have filled your loom. Think about the colours and textures as you do your weaving. Maybe you can smell the scent coming from the loom as you weave.
- 7. Maybe hang your loom in your home, by a window or in the garden. You can spray it with water to keep it moist this will stop it drying out and keep it looking fresher for longer.







Please send us a photo or video of your creation! ^(C) We love seeing your home learning!

