

Nature Weaving Project

Our natural environment contains many different textures and shapes, offering a variety of opportunities for creative, sensory art experiences. For this month's challenge, create a nature weaving project that allows you to explore many of the different textures found in nature.

Find four large sticks in your yard that will be used to make a frame. If you prefer a square frame, you'll need all the sticks to be similar in size. If you prefer a rectangular frame, choose two longer sticks of similar size and two shorter sticks of similar size.

To make the frame, use twine to attach the sticks together at each corner. Wind the twine around the sticks and knot it once the sticks are securely fastened. Once you've built your frame, wind the twine around it, looping on each end before wrapping back around to the other side. Continue this process until the frame has lines of twine across it from top to bottom. Secure these lines by knotting the twine at each end.

Go on a nature walk near your house, around your neighborhood, or in a nearby park. Collect some flowers, twigs, leaves, grass, feathers, weeds and other items you find along your walk. Make sure to use items you find on the ground. Twigs, flowers, leaves and other items should not be picked from living plants. When you get home, weave the items you collected one at a time over and under the twine in your frame.

After you've completed your weaving project, share it with your friends and family. Ask them about some of their favorite items and textures that they regularly see in nature.



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Show us your creativity! This month we are making a nature weaving project that explores the different textures you find outside in your natural environment.

Did You Know?

Textures can be divided into two different categories. Tactile textures refer to the way the surface of an object feels. Visual textures refer to the visual impression an object produces when you look at it. This can be related to spatial variations in the color, intensity and orientation of an object.

Disclaimer: Supervision and safety of children participating in these activities is not the responsibility of Zoology Foundation. All children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

We'd love to see you completing this activity. If you would like, please send us a picture of your collage so that we can share it on social media. Please email pictures to info@zoologyfoundation.org.



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