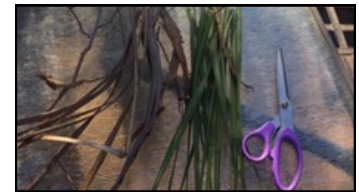


# Weaving with Natural Materials

## For this activity you will need:

- Scissors
- Sticks
- Grasses
- Long thin leaves
- Bark



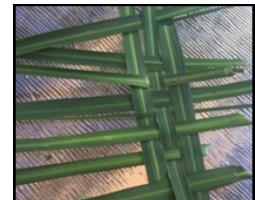
## What is the learning in this activity?

**Ages:** Age 5-100

**Purpose:** Creative fun supporting fine motor development and eye hand coordination.

## Let's play!

1. Place a few pieces of your long grasses onto the table side by side – all facing in the same direction.
2. Take another piece of grass and using an under and over pattern thread the long grass through the grasses that you have placed on the table.
3. Weaving in this pattern making sure that an 'under' is followed by an 'over'.
4. Push the grasses together to form a tight weave. This will give you more space to add threads.
5. Once your weaving is the size that you want you will need to tie the ends off. Ensure that you have enough grass left at the end (5cms) and knot the end piece back into the body of the weaving.
6. Once each end is tied off you can use scissors to cut the ends off to neaten the edges.



## Let's talk..

**Qs** - Weaving is an ancient Indigenous practice that has been passed on for generations. What can we discover together about Indigenous weaving materials, practices and uses?

**Extension:** You might try using a branch and weaving long grasses or leaves around or onto it, or incorporating different types of natural materials and looking for the patterns that you create. Try things like long leaves, different types or colours of grass, or pieces of bark.

*We'd love to see your creations and home based play.*

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