

Weaving with Natural Materials (Plants & Botanicals)

Materials List

- Branches for top and bottom of weaving, roughly 6 inches long
- Warp - 32 yards of strong, thin thread in neutral color (**PROVIDED**)
- Weft - **a variety of materials gathered from nature in your home or community**: twigs, grasses, pine straw, pods or seed heads with stems attached, feathers, Spanish moss, shells, small pine cones, beads, yarn or thread
- A ruler to be used as a shed stick
- Scissors
- Masking tape

Weaver's Vocabulary

Loom - a frame (or machine) upon which weaving is done.

Warp - vertical threads which form the base of a weaving. To "warp" means to string thread onto a loom.

Weft - the horizontal threads which are woven across the warp. Branches or grasses woven horizontally are also weft.

Heddle - structure used to guide warp threads in a loom. stick. In these spaces, we can weave grasses, branches or string.

Beat in - to push the new row of weft against the previously woven row.

Beater - stick, fork or comb used to tightly pack the weft threads.