

## Nature Weaves



**Materials:** sticks, yarn or string, scissors and items from nature

### Activity:

(1) To begin, head outside and collect sticks for your loom. The length of sticks will depend on the size and shape of the loom you plan to make. You will need at least three sticks to make your loom—you can make a triangle, square, trapezoid...any shape you want!

(2) Connect the sticks together with yarn/string to create the base of your loom. Pull tight as you wrap the yarn in a criss-cross fashion around the two sticks, then tie it off at the back.



(3) Tie a piece of yarn around one of the corners and begin wrapping it around the loom. Wrapping it around the stick twice will help keep the yarn taut and prevent it from sliding on the sticks.



(4) Tie the yarn off on one of the corners when you reach the other side of the loom. Get creative with your loom. Use colorful yarn or ribbon, string beads along the yarn as you wrap it, or paint the sticks with a fun design!



(5) Time to decorate your loom! Go on a nature walk in your backyard, neighborhood, or the park. Collect interesting grasses, flowers, leaves, seed pods, nuts, and pieces of bark that you find on the ground. If you are lucky, you may even find a feather. Just make sure you have permission before taking anything from another person's yard or the park.



(6) Weave your treasures through the strings of the loom. You can make a pattern or just place items throughout the loom.



All done! These nature looms look especially pretty when displayed in a window or on a wall!

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