

FAMILY WEAVING

with Cassie Leatham

Cassie Leatham is a Taungurung artist, dancer, weaver and educator with a passion for sharing Indigenous peoples' cultures. Many different objects can be created by weaving, including decorative wall hangings. Learn how to make a wall hanging like Cassie's, on your own or with your family. Children under 6 may need help with the weaving.

You will need:

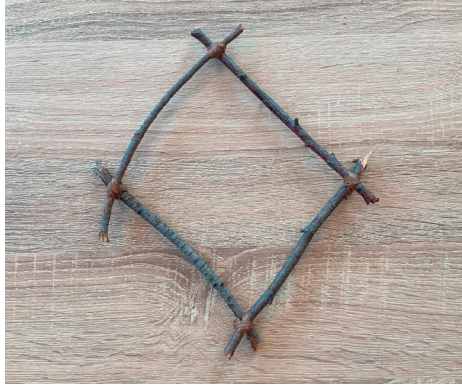
- * A collection of natural materials such as leaves, feathers and flowers
- * Sticks or popsicle sticks to make the frame
- * Natural raffia, twine or other thick string
- * Scissors

Collect some natural materials from outside!

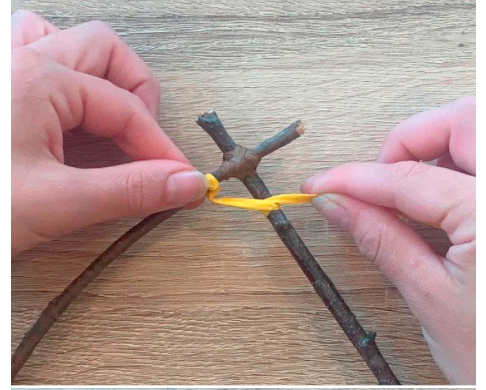




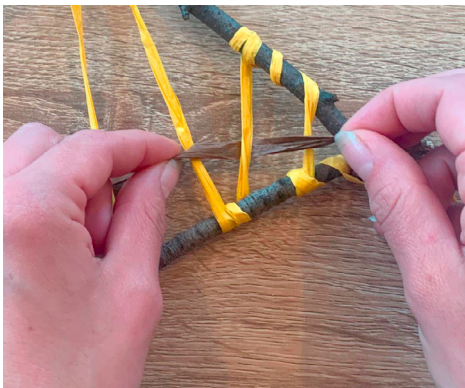
1 Make a triangle or diamond shape with your sticks.



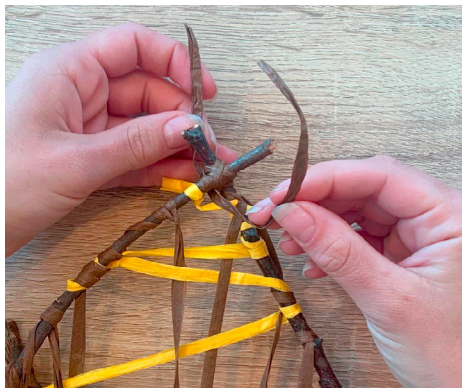
2 Make a frame by wrapping your string around where the sticks cross over.



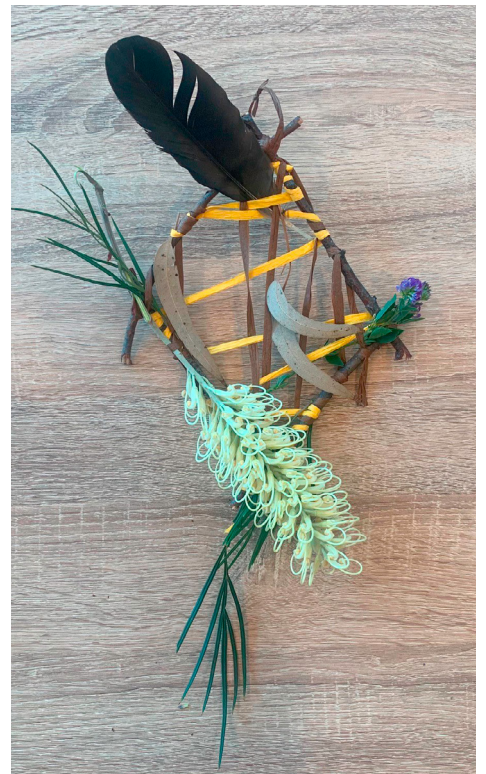
3 Wrap string horizontally across the frame so it looks like a ladder. Tie the ends.



4 Now weave string vertically across the frame. Make sure you alternate between weaving over and under the string already on the frame.



5 Loop some string around the top of the frame and tie a knot to create a loop to hang up your creation.



6 Decorate with feathers, leaves or flowers!