

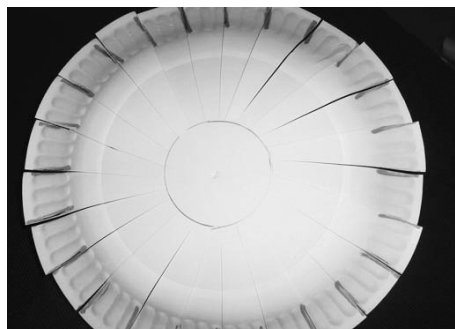
# BASKET WEAVING

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people weave natural materials such as long grasses, vines, plant fibres, bark, hair, fur and feathers.

They take great care and time in making baskets, mats, bags and fish nets and traps.

## WHAT YOU NEED

- Paper plate
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Wool - can be different colours
- Brown/green paint
- Paint brush
- Stapler and marker



On the back of the paper plate, make a circle in the middle as shown in the photo.

Using a ruler and pencil divide the plate into even sections, make sure there is odd number of spokes.

Cut each line right up to the circle - these become the spokes.



Tie wool around one of the spokes and start to wind the wool under and over each spoke, pushing firmly towards the centre circle to maintain tension.

Continue weaving until you reach about 2 cm from the outer edge of the plate.

Use a stapler to now start forming the basket shape. Hold two spokes together and staple. Continue doing this until all the spokes have been stapled together and the basket is formed.



Paint the white bits of the basket brown to finish it off.

This basket can also be made in other sizes by using cardboard and making a circle of your desired size on it and following the instructions.

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