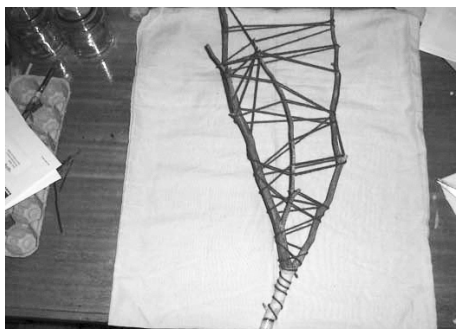


WEAVING ON A BRANCH

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 fishing nets or decorations to wear or hang up.



Use strips of crepe paper to wrap around the stem of the twig or branches.

Tie the wool to one part of the branch starting from the bottom and continue weaving making sure it stays firm.

When there is enough wool, tie it off.



Start to decorate with the natural resources, weaving in and out of the wool.



When completed, children can hang these from trees or they can be put on the ceiling using lengths of wool.

Alternatively they could be placed in a paper cup that has some play dough in the bottom.

WHAT YOU NEED

- A twig with branches
- Wool
- Scissors
- Collections of natural materials including feathers, long grasses, leaves, flowers, shells, beads, crepe paper

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