



Cambridge University

Botanic Garden

FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT HOME

Wild Weaving

Ages
3+

You will need:

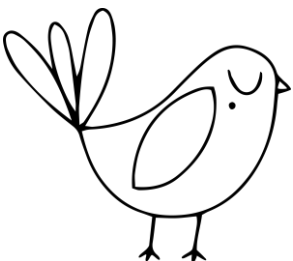
- A rectangular piece of cardboard
- Scissors
- String or yarn
- Pen or pencil
- A selection of plant material – look for plants that are long, thin and flexible like grasses, long leaves or bendy stems.



Make a wonderful wild weaving from plants you find in your garden or out on a walk.

Head out to collect some plants and then follow the instructions on the next page to make your own wild weaving.

If you have herbs you could try making a beautiful smelling herb weaving. Remember to check with an adult when picking plants.



How to make a wild weaving



1. Use a pen to mark down two opposite sides of your card. Make your marks about 1.5 cm apart.



2. Use scissors to make small notches at each of your marks.



3. Wrap some yarn back and forth across the card, using the notches to hold it in place.



4. This is what you will end up with. Secure your yarn with knots at the back of the cardboard.



5. Weave plants into your loom going under one string and over the next until you reach the end. Try to weave each plant the opposite way to the one before.



6. Keep going until your loom is full of beautiful plants.

IMPORTANT

Some plants can be harmful when eaten or touched. Look after yourself by not eating any plants, washing your hands after handling plants. If you notice your skin feeling irritated at any point, stop what you are doing and wash your hands straight away.