

Title of the activity : Made your dreamcatcher

For who : 8+

Duration : 30 mn

Number of players : 1+

Place : inside

Characteristic :

-cheap

- transportable

Type of game : creation homemade

Educational interest :

-create by your own

- awake your creativity

Materials :

One Metal or Wooden Hoop (approx. 12cm diameter)

Suede Woven Cord (approx. 260cm)

Strong but thin cord string (approx. 260cm)

Feathers

Assorted Beads

Leather Adhesive or Strong Glue

Scissors

Goal : create by your own your dreamcatcher – awake your creativity

Method :

Step 1

Start by cutting a length of your suede cord approx. 180cm long and wrapping it around your hoop. The larger the hoop the more cord you will need. Glue the first section of wrapped suede with leather adhesive and let this dry. Alternatively you can just tie the cord on to the hoop in a knot.

Step 2

Continue to wrap the cord around the hoop tightly. When you get back to the top use more glue or knot again.

Step 3

With left over cord, make a loop from which your dreamcatcher will hang. You can attach a bead at this point too.

Step 4

Now it's time to start creating the web. Use the whole length of your string (260cm) tie it to the top of the hoop. You need to make a curved shape with your string about 6cm down. Loop this over the hoop frame as shown in the photo above. Pull tight.

Step 5

Continue to do this - moving around the hoop as you go. Try and make each section the same width and don't forget to be firm with your string. These straight edges will soon be pulled inwards to create a web-shaped appearance.

Step 6

When you're back at the start again - your going to carry on looping in the same way, but now over the string pattern you just made. Loop and pull tight. Then loop through the next section and continue all around the hoop. This bit is trial and error, if you're confused just give it a go and follow the images above. You'll probably work it out when you try it for yourself. Once you get the hang of it, it's really easy.

Step 7

Keep going all the way around and around, you'll be making your way towards the centre. Add beads! Just thread one on to the string at random intervals. You'll see triangles forming. They will get smaller and trickier to manage towards the middle.

Step 8

When you're ready to stop just knot the string on to a near by triangle. Cut off any extra. That's the main part of your dreamcatcher finished!

Step 9

Now it's time to add the extra bits. Cut 3 pieces of suede cord approx. 50cm in length. Double these over and attach to the bottom half of your hoop as shown above

Step 10

Add as many assorted beads as you like, wherever you like. The beads at the ends of the cord will be used to attach the feathers.

Step 11

Stick feathers into the beads at the bottom of your swinging cord pieces. You shouldn't need to use any glue - with enough feathers stuffed into the beads they won't fall out.

Link or picture :

