

# Nature Weaving

Your nature weaving will recall memories of your visit to  
Lake Wilderness Arboretum



**Age:** 7+

**Time:** 1+ hours

You can make a loom and weave natural objects in it, without using glue. When grasses, leaves, or flowers wilt, replace them with fresh ones. Gather materials from the ground in the Children's Discovery Forest.

## Here's How:

- 1. Gather 4 sticks of the same length (about 10 inches long)** you find on the ground.
- 2. Gather "flat" natural objects** you find on the ground: grass, leaves, twigs, feathers, etc.
- 3. Tie the 4 sticks together at their ends to make a square frame.**
- 4. Knot the end of a long piece of string on the bottom of the left-hand stick.**
  - **Pull the string tight and bring it across to the bottom of the right-hand stick.**
  - **Wrap it twice to keep the string taut.**
  - **Bring the string back to the left-hand stick again, about one inch above the first wrapping and wrap it twice.**

**5. Continue along the entire frame**, wrapping around the left-hand and right-hand sticks. If your string is not long enough, cut another string and tie it to the first string and then continue. When finished wrapping, cut off extra string.

**6. Weave the natural objects over and under the strings** so the objects stay in the loom.

➤ You can hang your nature weaving on the wall.



### **The Back Story:**

Weaving is a good activity for children because it helps develop fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination, and concentration.

Weaving is done on a loom. In the nature weaving loom, the horizontal (back-and-forth) threads are the weft and the vertical (up-and-down) nature objects are the warp. The nature objects (warp) goes over and under the weft threads.