

## CURBSIDE CRAFTS FROM THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM'S CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

# WEAVING WITH NATURE!

*This flowery craft celebrates the art of weaving and the wonder of exploring a seemingly infinite array of flowers, grasses, and other lovely bits of nature that can be collected and woven into your own beautiful summer tapestry!*



### Supplies in kit

- 1 notched cardboard loom
- a length of string to create the “warp”

### What you'll need from home

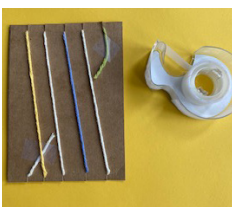
- scissors
- tape
- flowers, grasses, twigs, etc.
- yarn, ribbon, paper strips for added texture and color

### Directions

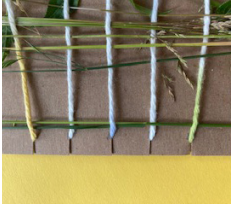
1. Slip one end of the string into the first notch and tape it to the back as pictured, then turn it over and wrap the string up and down the cardboard loom, keeping it fairly tight without bending the cardboard.



2. Tape the end to what will now be the back side of your loom.



3. Begin by selecting one of your pieces of “nature” and weaving it over and under the string, alternating each addition, as pictured. Continue with weaving your items until you feel you are finished.



4. Tape a ribbon or string to the back, and hang your beautiful project up for all to enjoy!



NOTE: The grasses, flowers, and leaves will wilt after a while, but you can pull them out and start again with a fresh collection.

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

*The Weaving of a Dream: A Chinese Folktale* by Marilee Heyer

*The Cloud Spinner* by Michael Catchpool

*Art Around the World: Loo-Loo, Boo, and More Art You Can Do*  
by Denis Roche



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