



Beaded Circle Weaving

Age Group
School
Age

Time Frame
1-2 hours

Area
Indoors or
Outdoors

STEAM - Art

Resources

- Various coloured string/wool in different textures (you can use both thin and chunky)
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Tape
- Assorted Beads
- Ruler

Experience

1. Find a circular object in your house and trace around it on a piece of cardboard. A larger circular object such as a plate, may be easier for this experience
2. Cut out the cardboard circle using scissors
3. Draw 8 lines, spacing them out evenly around the circle. You can use a ruler if you wish. It will look a little like a pizza!
4. Using your scissors, cut 1 cm slits along lines you have drawn. Being sure not to cut all the way to the middle
5. Tape a piece of string / wool in the middle of one side of the circle, follow the pencil lines and start wrapping the string / wool around the circle from side to side through the slits
6. Continue this process the whole way around the circle following your pencil lines / cuts in a clockwise direction.
7. Add beads by threading them onto the string / wool as you go
8. When you have completed the circle several times and you are happy with your weaving, secure the string / wool by tying it or taping it in place
9. You can swap colours as you weave by tying different coloured pieces of string / wool together

Extension:

- Try making more lines and slits across your circle for a tighter effect.
- Make a woven bowl – download our “Weaving Bowl” experience

Intended Learning

- Develops and strengthens children’s fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination
- It teaches children patience and skills as they problem solve, following directions of weaving
- It encourages children to learn a new skill as they manipulate resources and materials
- Allows children to expand on their concentration skills and challenge their skills

Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)

Outcome 4.3. Children are confident and Involved Learners. Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, technologies, and natural and processed materials. This is evident when children experience the benefits and pleasures of shared exploration of new ideas.



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