

Garden Weaving Loom

FOURTH GRADE

Students will create a beautiful natural display by first making a loom from gathered sticks and then filling it with found natural objects like leaves, branches, and flowers. The displays can hang in a classroom window or be taken home. This project would also make a great Mothers or Fathers Day gift.

SUBJECT

ART

TIME

30 MIN

MATERIALS

Sturdy pruning shears,
1 per adult

Sticks for the frame, 4
per student

Twine to secure the
stick frame and to
create the loom,
several rolls to share

Small paper bag, 1 per
student

A collection of natural
objects to weave
through the loom.

Photo of finished
garden weaving loom

DIRECTIONS

- With your students, go for a walk around the garden and/or school grounds to collect sticks for the frame of the loom. Sticks should be $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter. You may need to prune some thin branches off of fruit trees or shrubs to collect enough sticks. Each student should collect 3 or 4 sticks to make either a triangular or rectangular frame.
- While searching for sticks, have students collect flowers, branches, leaves, and anything interesting for their loom and put them in their paper bags.
- Return to the garden tables to make the loom. Layout the sticks to form a frame, with corners overlapping by around 1 inch. Secure each corner with twine. Pull tight as you wrap the twine in a criss-cross fashion around the two sticks, then tie it off at the back.
- Next, tie a piece of twine around one of the corners and begin wrapping it around the loom.
- Tie the twine off on one of the corners when you reach the other side of the loom.
- Decorate the loom by weaving the found objects through the strings of the loom. Students can make a pattern or weave them randomly.

SOURCE

Adapted from:

- Craftiments | [Nature Weaving Craft](#)



Example Garden Weaving Loom

