

Spring inspired weaving



How to.....

Things you will need:



1. Twigs - find some twigs/sticks in your garden or out on the walk with your family
2. Flowers, leaves, stems, grass – use your imagination and creativity and collect anything that takes your fancy, this could be just different twigs, different types of leaves etc.
3. String – any type will do: yarn, thick cotton, even ribbons.
4. Scissors (ask parents and make sure they are comfortable for you to use them on your own or an adult can supervise)

As mentioned above use your imagination and creativity and ask adults for help. This method can be used even with the indoor materials that you can gather: just yarn, ribbons, paper strips, bits of material. Be creative!



Preparation:

Cut 4 bits of string. If you cut around 20cm it should be plenty enough to allow comfortable knot tying and you can always cut surplus later.

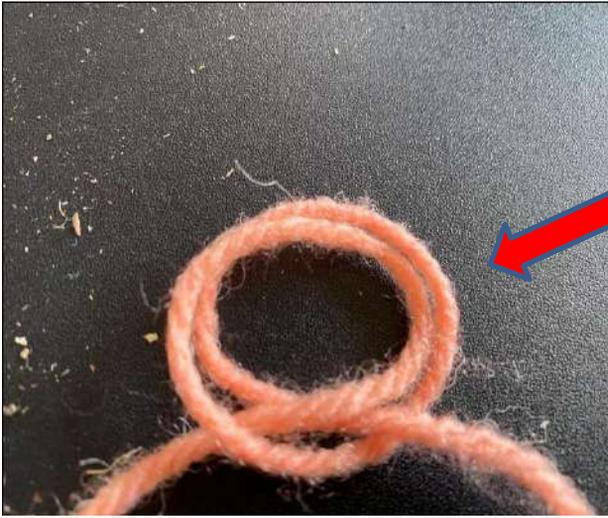
Here is the **bonus skill** : How to tie the clove hitch knot!

(You can use this knot for many different things. It is a strong knot and it will help keep your twigs in place.



1. Make two loops. Look carefully on the photo which strand goes on top and which one goes under.

2. Place your loop on the left over the top of the one on the right. It's important that you pick it up as it is and not to twist it and it is important to place it on top.



Your loops should now look like this!



3. Pick up both loops together carefully and put the stick through them.



4. Now pull both ends of the string as tight as you can!

Voila! You now know how to tie a clove hitch knot!

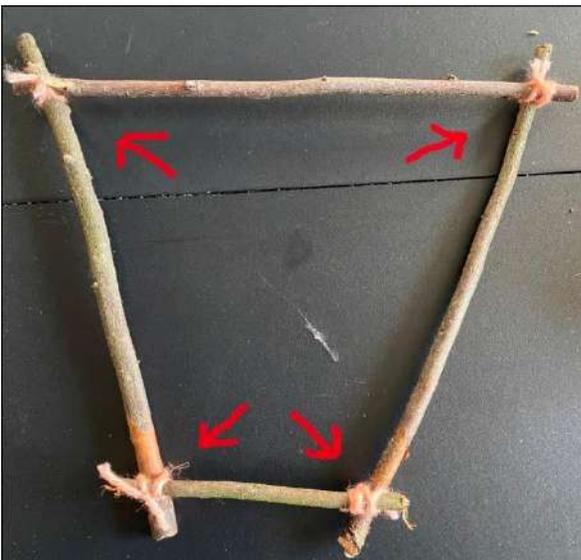
Time to tie the sticks together!



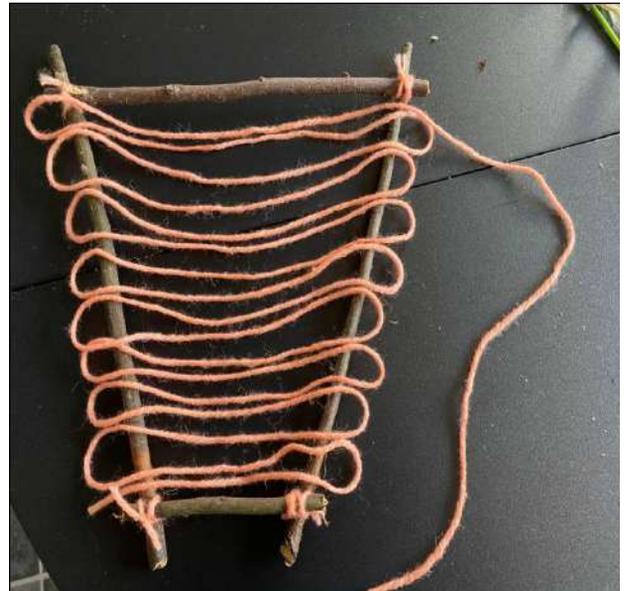
5. Put the sticks on top of one another and now go diagonally across the bottom stick, go under and cross the string underneath



6. Now do the same on the opposite side and bring the string back up and tie a knot.



7. Do the same process on all 4 sides.



8. If your string is too big or too long to make it easier you can place the string as in the photo to measure and cut the length. (Don't forget to leave an extra couple of loops for knots just in case)

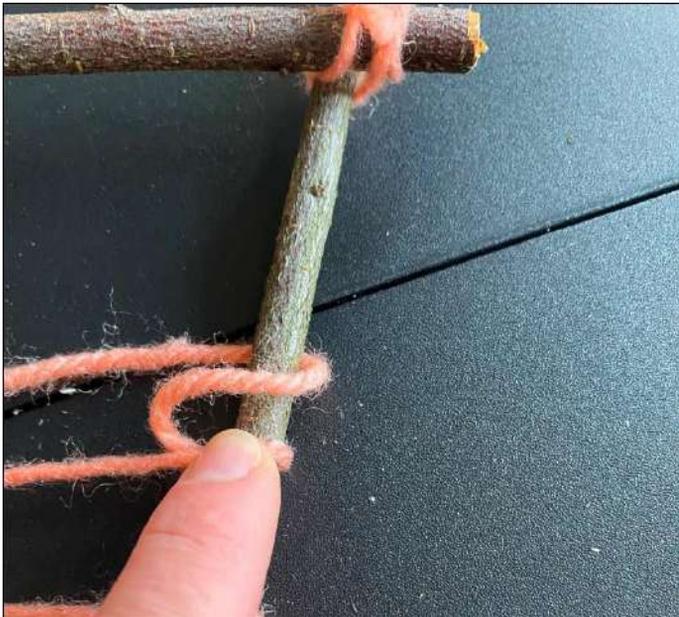
9. Tie the start of the string to the bottom and start going from left to right. To help keeping string in place so it's not moving up or down look at steps below.



Pull the string tight around the stick.



Go back over and under again.

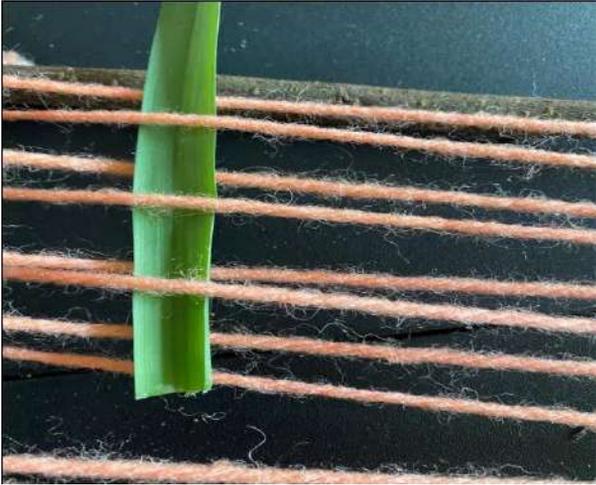


To keep the tension and stop strand below getting loose, hold the string with your finger.



10. Keep repeating that till you get to the top and you will get something looking like this. Don't forget to tie the knot at the top to secure the string!

You are ready to start weaving !



11. Carefully start weaving over-under-over-under...



13. Your next item should now go under-over-under-over.

14. Keep repeating these steps until you can't fit any more and you should end up with something looking like this.



12. When you get to the bottom move the plant/leaf tight over to the left stick.



Well done! You've made it! You are now an expert weaver.

Here are some extra ideas you can do with your nature inspired piece of art!



Make and decorate the container (Use something out of your recycling bin.) Put some compost and rocks inside or just water and moss. (It will keep your plants green for longer.)



You can just tie the extra bit of string at the tops and hang it somewhere in your garden or in the house.

Let your creativity and imagination run wild! You can use any plants, twigs, leaves and you can make any shapes, triangle, square, rectangle, even a circle! Please share your creations with us at [#SRESatHome](#), we would love to see them!