

DREAMCATCHER KIT

Learn how to create a web design for your dreamcatcher & personalize your project with found materials & keepsakes. An instructional video is available at brandonlibrary.org/tm



Materials:

- Brass ring
- Sinew
- Beads
- Feathers
- Scissors (not provided)



November is Native American Heritage Month!

In Ojibwe & Lakota cultures, dreamcatchers are constructed from natural elements & used to encourage good dreams. Learn more by visiting newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Dreamcatcher.

See reverse for basic written instructions.

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Instructions:

Please note the video provides a visual of how to weave the string around the loop!

1. To create a loop at the top by which to hang your dream catcher, tie a tight double knot around the ring with the sinew. Then, leave however much excess sinew you want to make the loop--about an inch should be good. Finish the loop by knotting the other end. Loosely circle the sinew around the ring, pass the bunch of sinew through your loose circle, overlapping the sinew and passing it through your loose circle in the direction opposite your hanging loop. Pull it tight.
2. About five inches from the hanging loop, circle the sinew around the ring, taking the sinew over the front to back behind the ring then to the front inside the hoop, slipping it out between the ring and the new line of sinew. Pull the sinew away from the loop you just made and repeat.
3. Continue this motion around the hoop until you come back to the first knot. Make the last loop/knot on top of the first.
4. For the second layer, slip the sinew from the front to the back between the brass ring and the first layer of sinew web. Then, pull the sinew back under the first layer but above your new layer so that the end of the loop you're creating is to the left of where it began. Pull it tight--in the middle of the first layer line if you want to be symmetrical--and repeat. You'll continue this motion through subsequent layers.
5. To add beads, feathers, or other found objects, you'll have to cut the sinew to string them on, so you can cut about three or four yards. You can always tie more on later. Thread the object onto the string where you'd like it and continue to create loops along your layer.
6. Once there is a small circle in the center of the web, tie a knot instead of continuing to hitch the sinew.

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