

# Weaving in First Nations Cultures

*Introduction: Weaving is an important cultural practice in many First Nations communities, and has been passed down from generation to generation for thousands of years. In this research task, you will explore the different types of weaving in First Nations culture, and learn about the significance of this practice.*

*Task: Choose one of the following tasks to complete*

- Choose a specific First Nations community or culture to research, and find out about their traditional weaving practices. Some examples might include an Aboriginal nation e.g. Coastal nation, an inland nation or a Torres Strait Islander nation.*
- Find out about two different First Nations communities and the techniques used in their weaving, such as twining, coiling, or finger weaving. What kinds of materials do they use, and how do they prepare them for weaving? where do they source their materials from?*
- Explore the cultural significance of weaving in your local community. What kinds of stories or symbols are incorporated into their weavings, and what do they represent? How is weaving connected to spirituality or cultural traditions?*

*Write a short report or create a presentation to share what you learned with the class. Be sure to include examples of traditional weavings from this community, and explain why this practice is important to their culture.*



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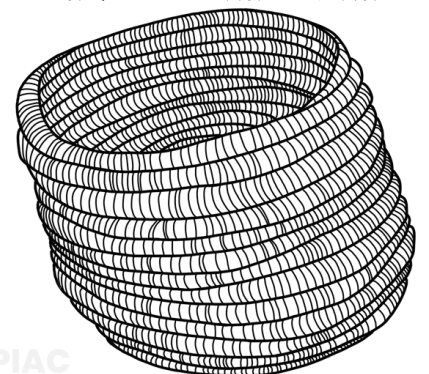
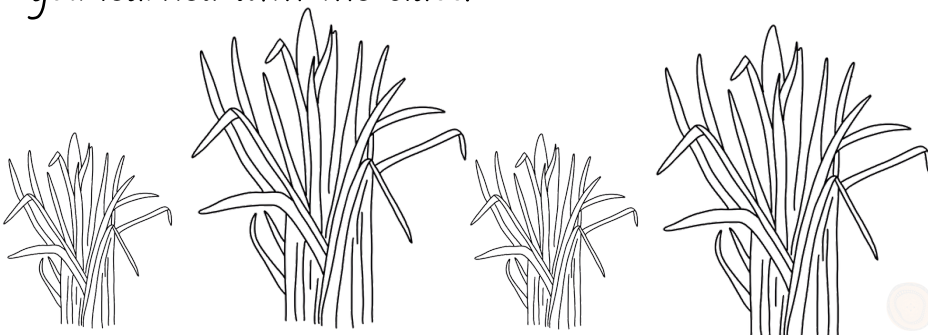
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When Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples weave, they use different techniques to create different patterns and designs that are specific to their nations. Some weavings have special meanings, like telling stories or representing different aspects of nature or their world.

Here are some questions to help you learn more about weaving in First Nations cultures:

1. What kinds of items can be made through weaving?
2. What kinds of natural materials are used in weaving?
3. Why is weaving an important cultural practice in First Nations communities?
4. What are some of the different techniques used in weaving?
5. How can weaving be a way of expressing creativity and spirituality?

Bonus: Research a specific First Nations community and their traditional weaving practices. Write a short report or create a presentation to share what you learned with the class.

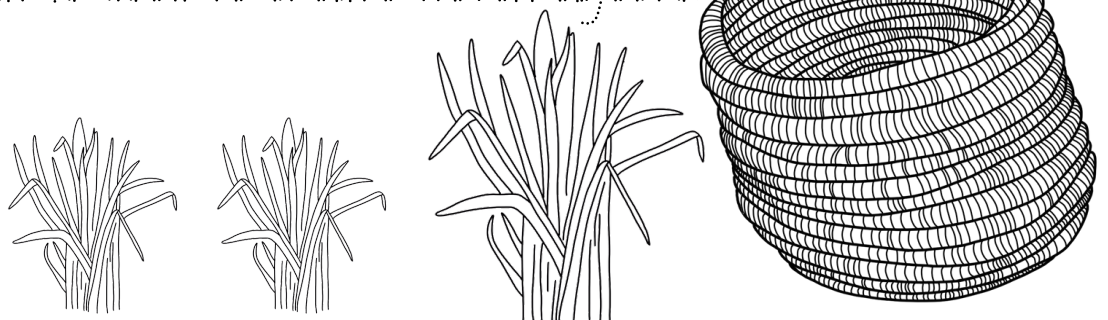


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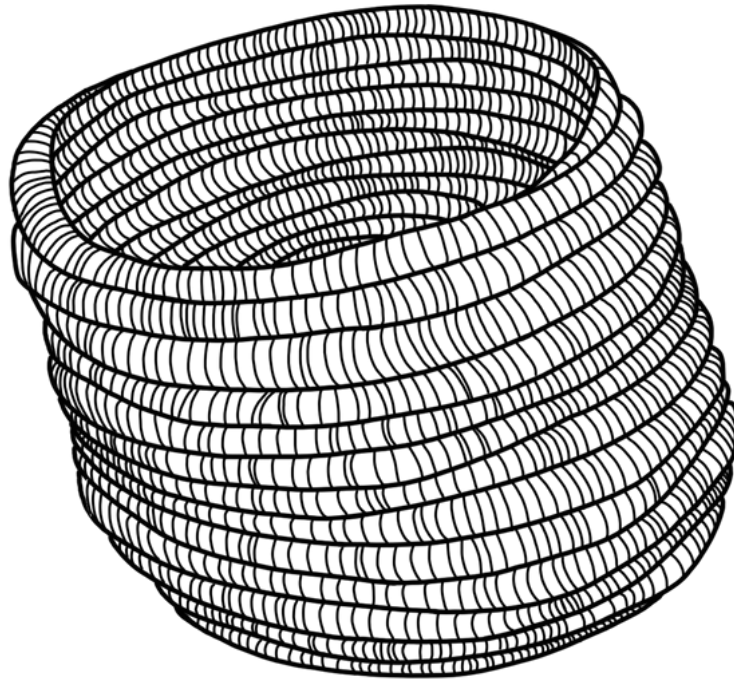
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When people weave, they use different techniques to create different patterns and designs that are specific to their nation. Some weavings have special meanings, like telling stories or representing different aspects of nature or the world. It's also a way for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples connect to their culture and Country. Lomandra grass is one natural resources that is used to create woven objects.



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*Lomandra grass is one type of plant that is used by First Nations peoples to create woven objects, but there are many other natural materials that can also be used.*

