



Craft
Ages 6–8
15–20 minutes

Flower Basket Weaving

Description

Participants will weave a flower basket using a paper cup and twine.

Number of participants

For any number of participants

Space considerations

An indoor space where participants can be seated to do a craft

Competencies

- Development of fine motor skills
- Eye-hand coordination
- Spatial relationships

Materials

- Dixie cup/similar-sized paper cup
- Scissors (easy-grip preferred)
- Tape
- Twine
- Flowers (plastic, dried or fallen)
- Stickers (optional)

Preparation

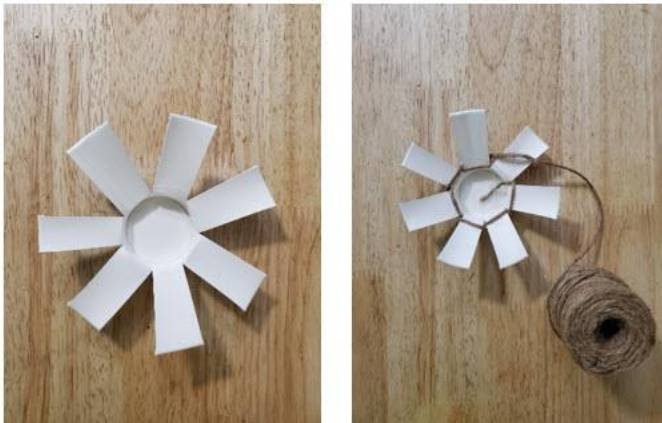
- Precut paper cup
- Precut twine
- Precut flowers to fit in the flower baskets

Implementation

1. Turn the cup upside down and make seven vertical cuts from the bottom toward the top to create seven strips of roughly equal size (leave 1–2 cm uncut at the top).



2. Flip the paper cup over, bend the strips down and pull a bit of twine between two strips into the centre. While rotating the cup, weave the twine over one strip, under the next one, over the following one and so on.



3. As you weave the twine, push the strips up towards the centre like a pot. Continue until you finish covering the entire cup, then tuck the end into the woven twine in the cup.



4. Add flowers and decorate flower basket with stickers if you like.



Accessibility considerations

- Precut the cup
- Use easy-grip scissors
- Encourage participants to take their time and not rush
- Offer latex gloves if participants find the twine material uncomfortable
- Work together, with one person holding the cup and the other person weaving the twine over and under

Book suggestions

Harvest Days: Giving Thanks Around the World by Kate DePalma and Martina Peluso

Woven of the World by Katey Howes and Dinara Mirtalipova

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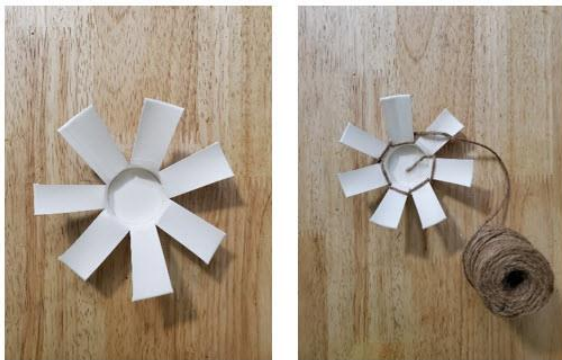
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