

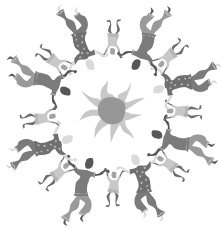
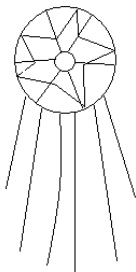
# Chippewa Dream Catcher

## MATERIALS

White paper plate, 9"  
Yarn, about 12"  
Beads, store-bought or homemade beads  
Feather  
Masking tape, pencil, scissors, hole punch

## PROCESS

1. Draw a large ring inside the rim of a paper plate.
2. Cut out the center of the plate to the inner edge of ring. Then, cut off the outside rim of the plate, leaving the ring.
3. Punch about 16 holes around the ring.
4. Wrap masking tape around one end of the yarn. Poke the taped end of the yarn into the top hole and pull through, leaving about 3" at the end.
5. Begin creating a web by criss-crossing the yarn to fill up all the holes around the ring. Leave the center of the web open.
6. End by bringing the taped end of the yarn back to the top hole, and tying this to the other end.
7. Cut a piece of yarn about 8" long. Loop it through the bottom hole and even the ends. Pass several beads up the yarn, and slip a feather into the ends of the yarn.
8. Hang over your bed.
9. Sweet dreams!



# Web of Kindness

A great way to build community

## What You Need:

Yarn, one yard or so per child  
Imagination

## How to Proceed:

Introduce the activity by talking with the children about how we are all interwoven with each other, and that our actions affect and influence one another. This activity demonstrates our interconnectedness. Beginning with the first child, have them hold onto the end of the yarn and pass the yarn across the circle to another child. When each child passes the yarn have them say something they like about another child, or something good they saw that child doing. When the last child receives the yarn, pluck a strand and see that everyone can feel it, reminding them that we all affect each other!

# Yarn Holder

## MATERIALS

1. Wide cylindrical container with a plastic lid
2. Colored yarn
3. Double-sided Scotch Tape

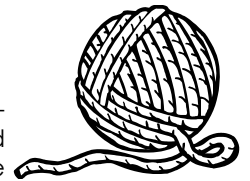
## DIRECTIONS

Wrap Scotch tape around the outside of the can starting at the top –but only do a couple of rows at a time. Take pieces of yarn and wind them around the container pressing it into the sticky tape. Repeat until the container is completely covered with rows of yarn. Punch one or more hole in the lid depending on the size of the can. Place a ball or hank of yarn inside the container and draw the end (s) through the hole(s) in the lid. Replace the lid. If the yarn is to be used for knitting, additional holes can be made for knitting needles.



# String Painting

**What You'll Need:** Any heavier-duty paper, cut into desired shape; liquid tempera; a pie pan; paper toweling; 18-24" lengths of yarn or string.



**How to Proceed:** In a dish the size of a pie pan, make a thick pad of paper toweling. Pour the paint to soak the pad well. Press the yarn or string into the paint pad, making sure it's well soaked. Have the child place the wet string on one half of the paper, leaving a trail of about an inch hanging out. Fold the paper over the string, and then have the child pull the string out. When the string is pulled, the paint leaves fascinating designs. Often the child will be able to see recognizable shapes –flowers, ducks, birds. Perhaps more important here is the exposure to freeform design.

# String Thing

## MATERIALS

About 30 pieces of colorful yarn or string, 3 feet long each  
Strong balloon  
Extra strong liquid starch  
Bowl  
Newspaper  
Thread

## PROCESS

1. Blow up the strong balloon and tie a double knot.
2. Place the balloon on the newspaper. Dip a piece of yarn in the extra strong starch. Soak it well, and then squeeze off the excess starch so the yarn isn't too heavy.
3. Begin wrapping the starched yarn around the balloon. Wrap in a crisscrossing fashion for a strong design.
4. Continue adding starched yarn until the balloon is well covered by not too heavily covered or all the yarn will slide off.
5. Dry overnight.
6. Next day, pop the balloon and pull it out when completely dry.
7. Tie a thread to the top of the sculpture and hang it from the ceiling, a window header, or any other display area.

