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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING



YOUR KIT CONTAINS:

- Wire Hoops
- Assorted Feathers
- Tape
- Pony Beads
- Artificial Sinew

AGE GROUP: 14 and up
PREP TIME: 20 minutes
PROJECT TIME: 60 minutes

YOU WILL NEED:

- Scissors
- Glue (optional)
- Ruler
- Patience

PREP INSTRUCTIONS:

Gather all the materials to make your Dream Catcher.

You will need:

1-Wire Hoop

3 ½ feet Brown Tape

10 feet Artificial Sinew (waxed string)

8 Pony Beads (color is your choice)

4 Feathers (again color is your choice)

PREP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. a. First you need to wrap your wire hoop with the the 3 ½ feet of brown tape. Wrap the tape tightly around the entire wire hoop. (See figure A) Make sure you cover up all the exposed metal. Keep in mind this tape is special, it has some stretch to it and is only slightly sticky. It is designed this way so it wont stick to itself, allowing you to ball or spool up the length of the tape making the wrapping process easier and faster.

TIP: Speaking of easier, brace the bottom of your hoop against the top of your thigh or between your knees, and turn the hoop accordingly as you work around.

- b. Once you have the tape tightly wrapped or knotted around the hoop at a secure starting point (this starting point can be held in place with a clip, clothespin or a dab of glue) Take the opposite loose end of tape and spool up the excess into a small bunch. Do this so you can loop the tape spool over and over the wire hoop quickly and avoid tangles.
 - c. When your hoop is completely wrapped in tape, don't cut off the excess tail, leave it attached. Later you can use this extra tape to wrap around the "Hanging loop" at the beginning of your sinew cord. (See Figure C) this is what we will make next.
2. a. Take one end of the 11 foot piece of sinew cord and knot a simple loop (approx 1 inch long) from which you will hang your dream catcher once it's done. (See Figure B) We will call this your "Hanging Loop" . (See Figure C)
 - b. Take this same end of the sinew and directly below the loop you just made tie the sinew to your hoop with 2 tight overhand knots in the same spot on your hoop where you finished wrapping the tape and have the tail hanging. (See Figure C) **TIP:** Take the other loose end of the sinew and spool up the excess into a small ball to make things easy (see Figure D).
 - c. Now, use the extra brown tape to wrap around the sinew hanging loop. You do this the same exact way you wrapped your hoop with tape. This will add strength to your hanging hoop and uniform the color vs having a bright white hoop. (See Figure C)
3. a. The dream catcher repeats the same stitch from start to finish, called "Half-Hitches" (See Figure E). Start by tying half-hitches around the hoop approx 1 inch spacing between each hitch (See Figure D). When this 1st round (full rotation around the hoop) is complete you should have 10 half-hitch stitches going around the hoop.
 - b. On your 2nd round, hitch the sinew cord around the center of each stitch from the previous round, rather than the hoop as explained in step 3a. **TIP:** Your 1st few rounds will seem loose and messy this is natural (See Figure D).
 - c. Continue stitching towards the center of the hoop, Don't pull the sinew rounds too tight until you get to the 3rd or 4th round. Keep in mind the total number of rounds to the center is 6.

- d. As you reach the center, (at the end of your 6th round) you can now adjust the spacing of your hitch loops along the wire hoop from round one and pull everything together tightly to the center. Tie 2 overhand knots at the end and cut off the excess sinew cord and keep it aside. You will have a small open circle here in the center approx the size of a nickel! (See Figure F).

4. a. Take the excess piece of sinew and cut it in half, leaving you with Approx two 10" Pieces.
- b. One side at a time knot on both pieces to the bottom of your hoop on either side. (See Figure G) Tie them on with a lark's head knot (See figure H) so that you have an equal amount of sinew on both sides of the knot (see Figure G).
- c. String 2 or 3 beads at one end of the sinew, then tie an overhand knot at the very end, inserting a feather into the knot (see Figure G). Pull tight.
TIP: If you have trouble tying the feathers to the sinew, add a little glue to the knot to keep them in place.
- d. Tie another overhand knot and slide the excess sinew upward into the beads and pull the beads downward to cover the knot.
- e. Repeat steps 4b-d on the other side of the hoop with the last strand of sinew.
Your Dream Catcher is Complete!!

