

## Activity: Basket Weaving



Good Morning Class 5,

For this week, alongside the project, you are going to be weaving a pine needle basket. Importantly – if you could not find any pine needles in your area, please let me know so I can send you instructions on a different kind of basket.

Here's what you will need:

- Pine Needles (green or brown)
- A pot and boiling water
- A wet tea towel
- Some strong thread, wool or waxed twine.
- A needle with a large eye
- Pliers (optional, for pulling the needle through tough bits)
- Thick paper
- Sticky tape

Ok, so by now you should have a strong base, wrapped and sewn in thread or string. Now it is just a matter of sewing the base as wide as you want today, and this is really up to you and what kind of basket you want. You will have to add pine needles through the sizing tube as you go, like yesterday, and tie on new thread whenever you need it. Here's how to sew the base:

### Step 1: *Over and Under stitch*

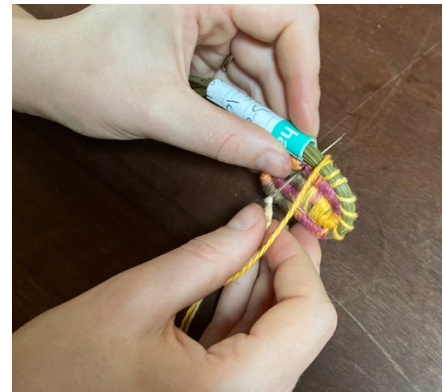
Take your needles and pass it through the top of the base, around the bundle of pine needles.



First stitch done!

## Step 2: *Just keep stitching!*

And so on you go, up and down, round and round till you have the base size you'd like for your basket!



Don't worry about the ends of the needles, just sew around them.

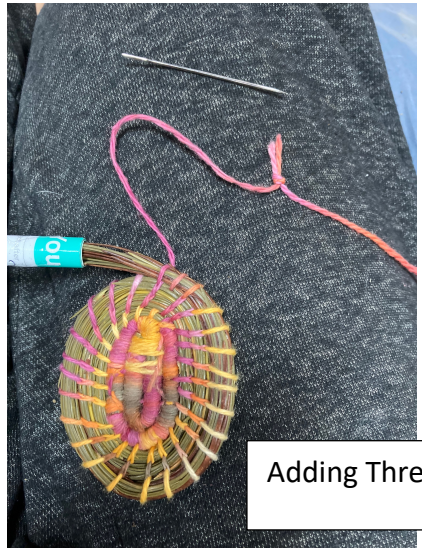
## Step 3: *Sew into the other stitch of the other Row*

When you get to your second row, and every row hence forth, sew into or as close to the stitch from the previous row.



## Step 4: *Then continue on as wide as you like!*

Here are pictures of how wide I went.... Yours can be bigger or smaller if you like.



Adding Thread

