

# Make a Simple Dreamcatcher

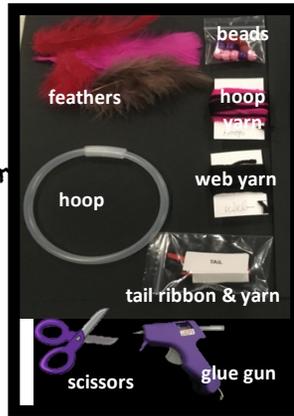
## MATERIALS

### Included

- Plastic hoop
- Yarn, ribbon or string
- Pony beads & feathers

### You supply

- Scissors
- Glue gun



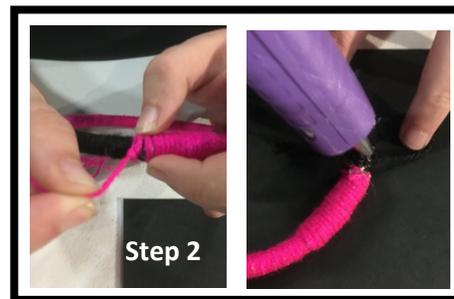
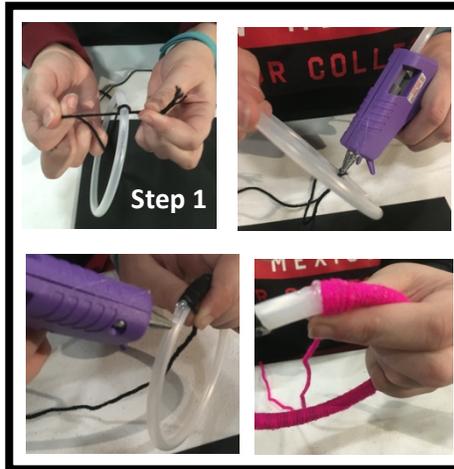
## INSTRUCTIONS

### THE HOOP

Wrap the plastic hoop with yarn.

1. Start by tying the yarn at the "hoop joint." Secure the knot with a dot of hot glue. Add glue every few inches as you wrap the yarn around the hoop (as shown).

2. Tie off the yarn when you reach the end and cut the excess. Secure the knot with a bit of glue.



### WEB

These instructions are for a simple web.

3. Tie the "web" yarn to the hoop at the "hoop joint." Take the yarn across the hoop and back again in a random crisscross pattern (as shown). Keep the yarn tight.

4. When you complete your pattern, tie off the yarn and cut the excess. Secure the knot with a bit of glue.

### TAIL

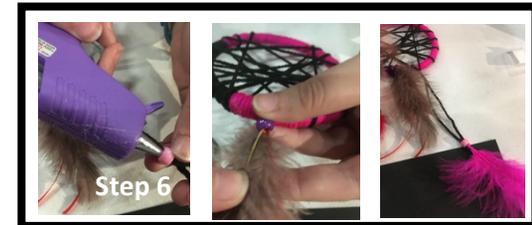
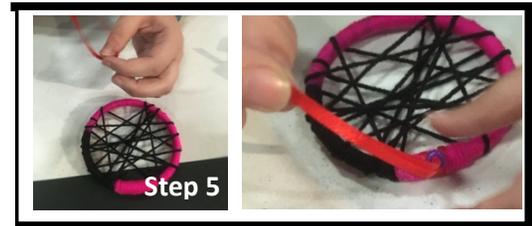
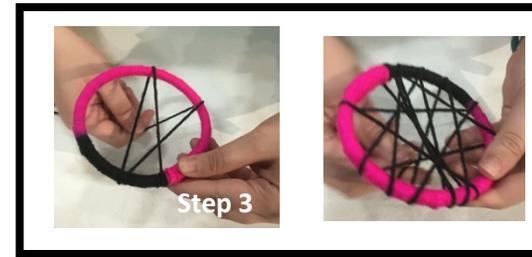
The tail is made using the remaining yarn, ribbon, pony beads and feathers.

5. Loop the remaining strands of yarn and ribbon at the "hoop joint" (as shown).

6. Add pony beads and feathers to the dangling ribbons and yarn using glue to secure.

### HANGER

7. Make a simple hanger by tying a piece of yarn or string to the top of the hoop.



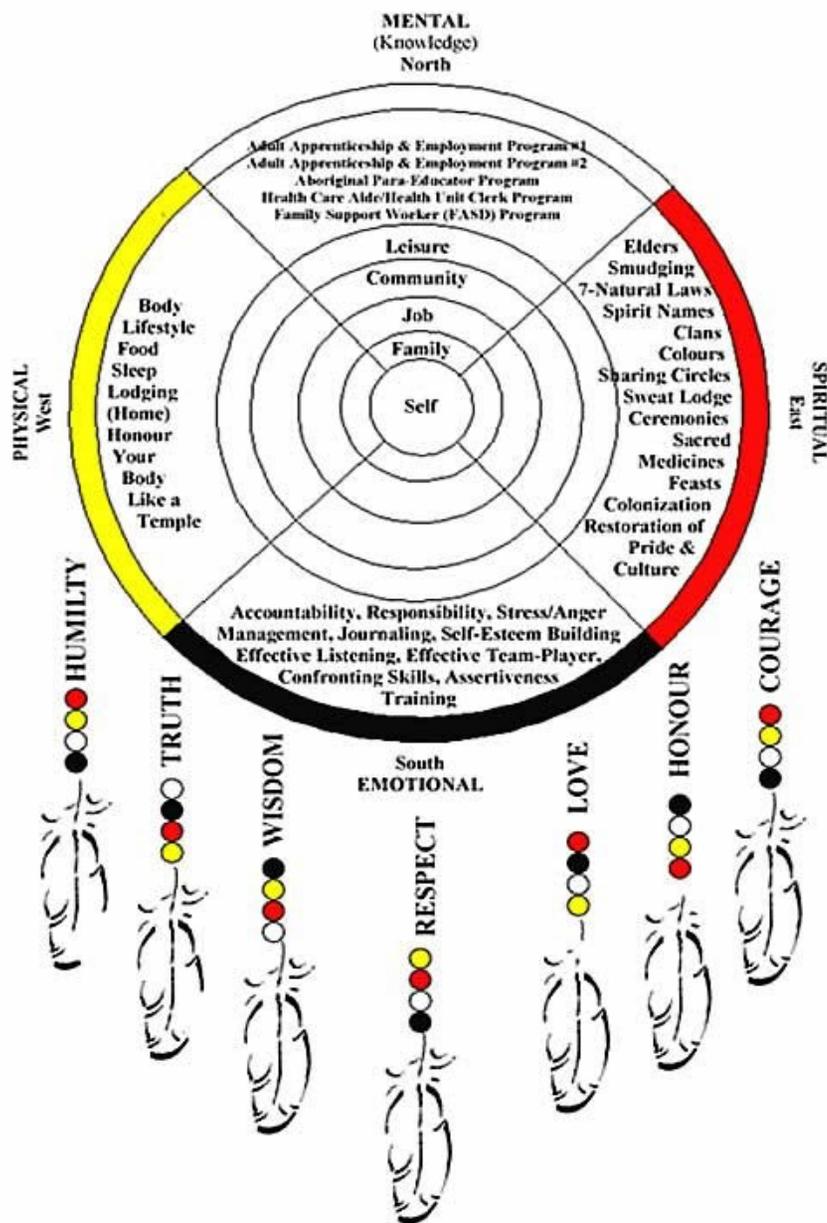
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Special thanks to our Curator, Kim Claunch

## What the Dreamcatcher Represents

In some interpretations, different sections of the Dreamcatcher have special significance.

### Circle of Life



## The Native American Dreamcatcher



The Dreamcatcher is a Native American object, which originated in the Ojibwe culture and has been adopted by other tribes as a sign of cultural unity. Traditionally, the dreamcatcher is hung above the bed for protection.



It is said that good dreams pass through the Dreamcatcher. They slip through the soft feathers. The bad dreams, however, get tangled in the dreamcatcher. They perish with the light of the new day.

