

NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION FOR ALL RESOURCES

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Grade Level

PK-2

Subject

**Social Studies
Art**

Lesson Title

Apache Woven Baskets

MATERIALS NEEDED

- 1 paper bowl to start with, or an 8 oz. plastic cup
- Scissors
- Several colors of yarn, depending on how many colors your child would like to use.
- [Step-by-step guide to this activity](#)
- [Images of various types of Apache Woven Baskets](#)
- [Information about the history of Apache Woven Baskets](#)

STEPS

1. Share with your child [images of Apache woven baskets](#), and read with them the [significance of woven baskets to the Apache people](#).
2. Read through the ["Step-by-Step activity guide"](#) with your child.
3. Cut a slit from the top of the paper bowl (or plastic cup) to the base of the bowl (or cup).
4. Cut several similar slits around the paper bowl (or cup) every 3" or so. The cuts will look like petal shapes.
5. To start your woven bowl (or cup) you want to slide the end of your yarn into one of the slits and push it clear down toward the base of your bowl (or cup). Leave the tail hanging out and don't worry about it for now. It will be tucked in later.
6. Work around the petal shapes making sure the yarn goes under one slit, and over the next one.
7. Once you complete a whole circle go back the other way, and go in and out the opposite way. Continue until your piece of yarn is used up.
8. Now take another color and tie it to the end of the yarn you just finished with. Continue following your pattern by going in and out following the steps above.
9. Repeat again and again until you complete the entire bowl (or cup) and have made your Apache Woven Basket.

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HELPFUL TIPS

After sharing [images of Apache Woven baskets](#) and the information about the [significance of woven baskets to the Apache people](#), prompt your child with questions such as:

- Who are the Apache people?
- What are the Apache baskets made of? Why did they make them this way?
- Why do you think the Apache people created these baskets? What do you think they used them for?
 - Allow your child to imagine more ways the Apache people might have used these baskets, other than what the article talks about.
- What do they look like today? What might they use them for today?
- Do they use different materials?
- How do we use baskets in our home? What are they made of? How are they different from, or similar to, Apache woven baskets.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Families and Educators: This activity may open to other talking points around the culture, traditions, and history of the Apache people.

You can find and share more information with your child with these resources below:

- [History of Apache people for children](#)
- [Mescalero Apache Tribe History & Culture](#)
- [Apache – The Fiercest Warriors in the Southwest](#)
- Learn more about various other types of [Native American art](#) and [Native American art history](#).
- [Interactive lessons and activities](#) to help your child learn more about the Apache people.

Activity Resource Links:

- History of Apache people for children: https://www.ducksters.com/history/native_american_apache.php
- Mescalero Apache Tribe History & Culture: <https://mescaleroapachetribe.com/our-culture/>
- Apache – The Fiercest Warriors in the Southwest: <https://www.legendsofamerica.com/na-apache/>
- Native American Art: <http://nativeamerican-art.com/>, Native American Art History: <http://www.nativeamericanarthistory.com/>
- Interactive Lessons and Activities: <https://study.com/academy/lesson/apache-tribe-history-facts-culture.html>
- Images of Apache Woven Baskets: <https://www.adobegallery.com/origin/Apache>
- Significance of Apache Woven Baskets: <https://www.bischoffsgallery.com/online-store/baskets/apache-baskets/a1-apache-baskets.htm>
- Step-by-step activity guide: <https://www.kitchentableclassroom.com/woven-bowl-a-diy-with-free-printable-template/>
- Adapted from: https://www.123homeschool4me.com/native-americans-southwest-tribes_33/