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WEAVING the WINTER LANDSCAPE

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TASK

Using your backyard/ the landscape surrounding your home for inspiration, create a weaving that incorporates materials and objects found or inspired by your backyard.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Sticks found in your yard or surroundings
- Twine/ string
- Yarn
- Found objects that can be woven into your design such as flowers, grasses, anything that catches your eye etc.





INSPIRATION...

STEP 1:

Head outside into your environment to collect some materials for your project. You will firstly need some



good strong straight sticks to create your frame.

It's up to you what shape frame you want to create, however straight square or rectangle is probably easiest. Find some suitable materials for weaving. Look for materials that are

long, flexible and able to be woven into your design. Look for a few flowers or eye catching materials that can be incorporated as decoration too. I wanted my weaving to smell nice so I used lots of herbs and fragranced plants.





Try to keep the string tight as you tie it off.

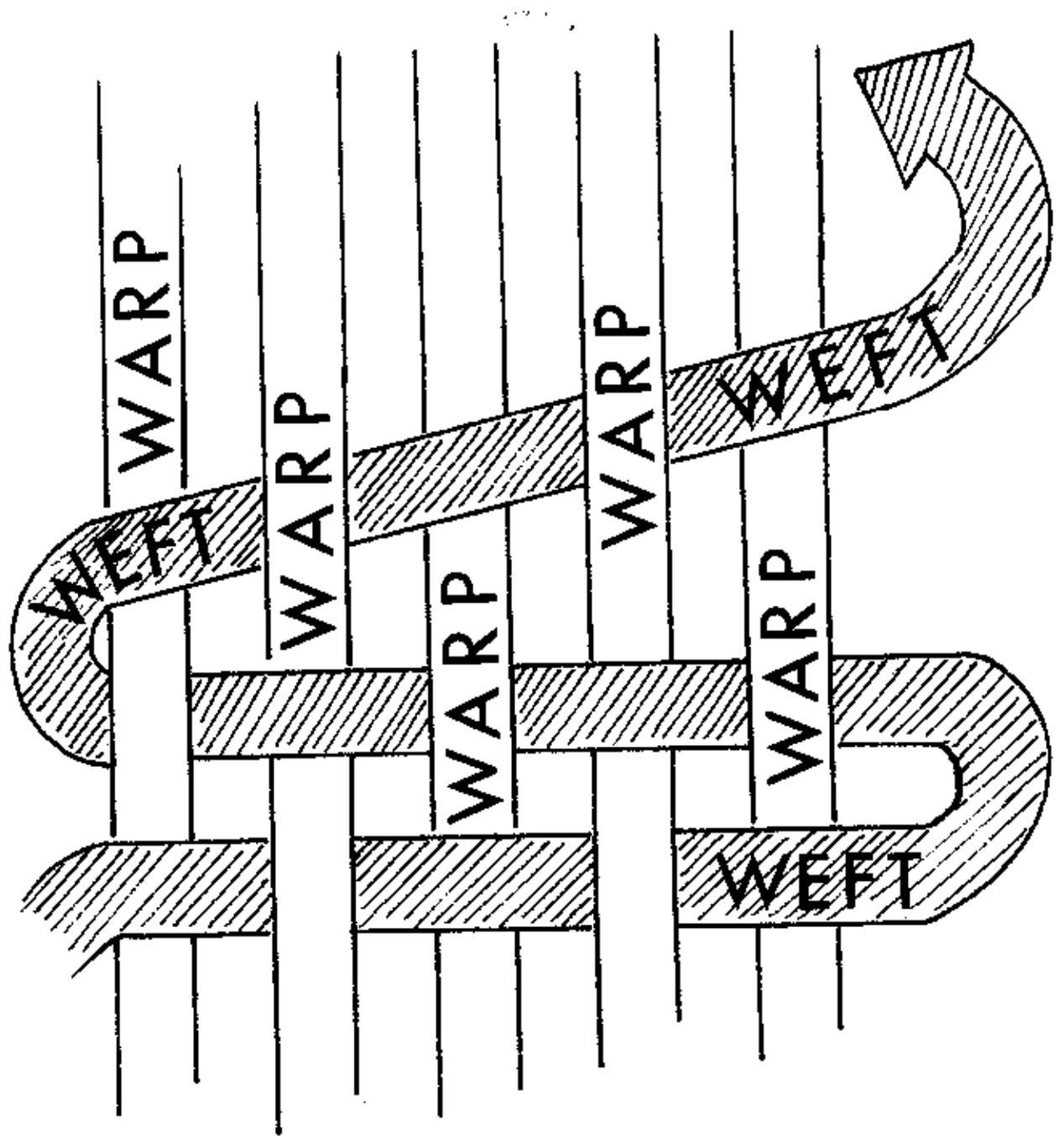
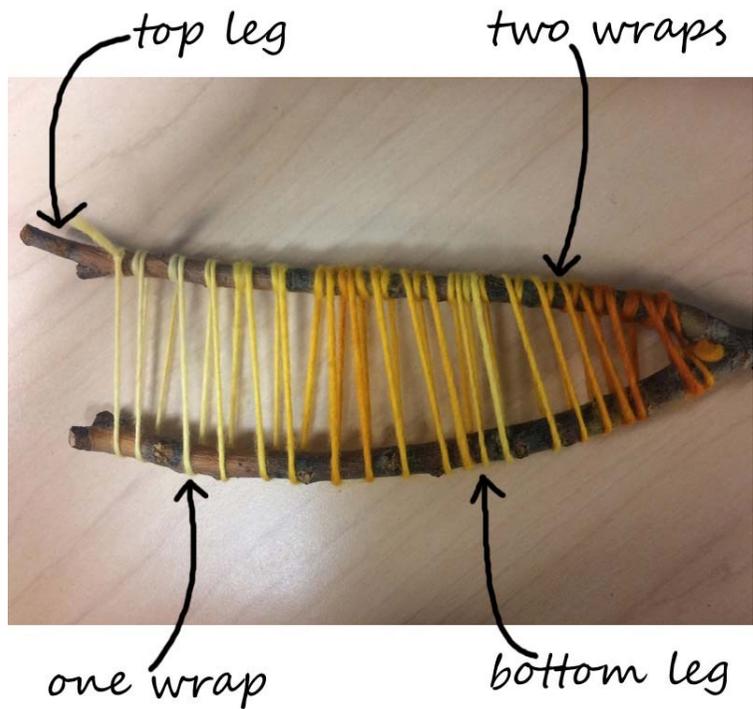


STEP 2:

Bring your collected objects to a space where you can work on constructing your weaving. Use the yarn, twine or string to tie the corners of your sticks together to create a solid frame. Wrap around each corner in all directions multiple times and tie off tightly.

STEP 3:

Use the yarn, twine or string to create a string base (known as the warp) to weave through.



Try to keep the warp yarn/ string as tight as possible. Wrap around the stick twice on one side.



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STEP 4:

Start weaving your found materials. To weave your materials thread them over and under the warp strings in an alternating pattern. Watch this tutorial video [here](#) for a basic weaving technique.



STEP 5:

Continue weaving different materials into your weaving until you have filled the frame. Remember to alternate over and under each string. If you start over the warp string on one row, start under the warp string on the next row. In my weaving I went from side to side alternating which side I started on.

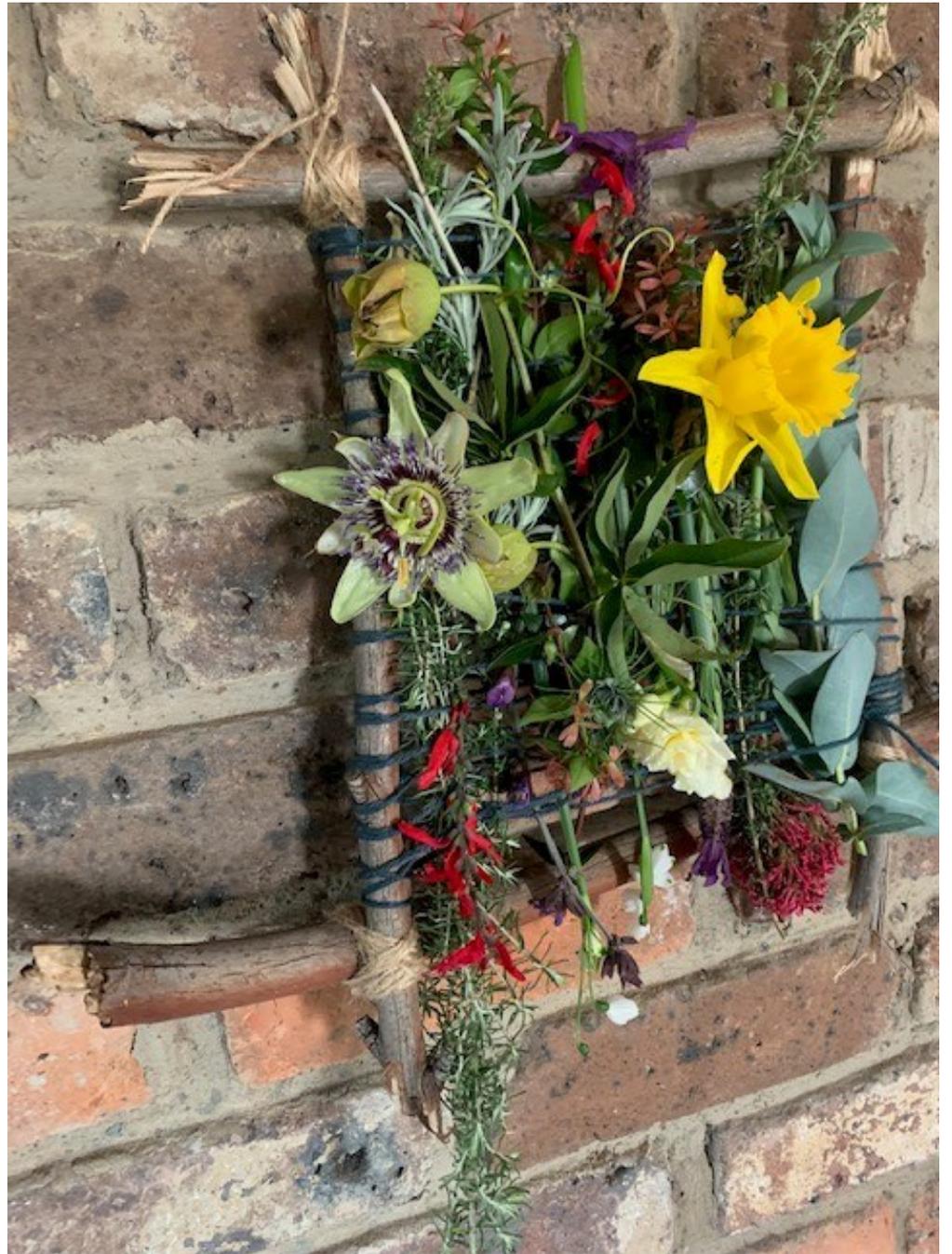


STEP 6:

Add any decorative elements you like to finish it off and tie some string to one side to use as a hanger if you want to hang it on the wall.

**Remember: The nature of using fresh natural materials in this project means that it will not keep forever. It is therefore ephemeral/ not made to last, but rather a temporary decorative piece, a bit like a flower arrangement.*

MY FINISHED WEAVING





**Remember, you can keep your weaving frame to reuse whenever you like. When your flowers have wilted and dried up, carefully cut them free (be careful not to cut your warp strings) and start again with fresh flowers and materials.*



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