

Recycled Crafts

Recycled Windmills

You will need:

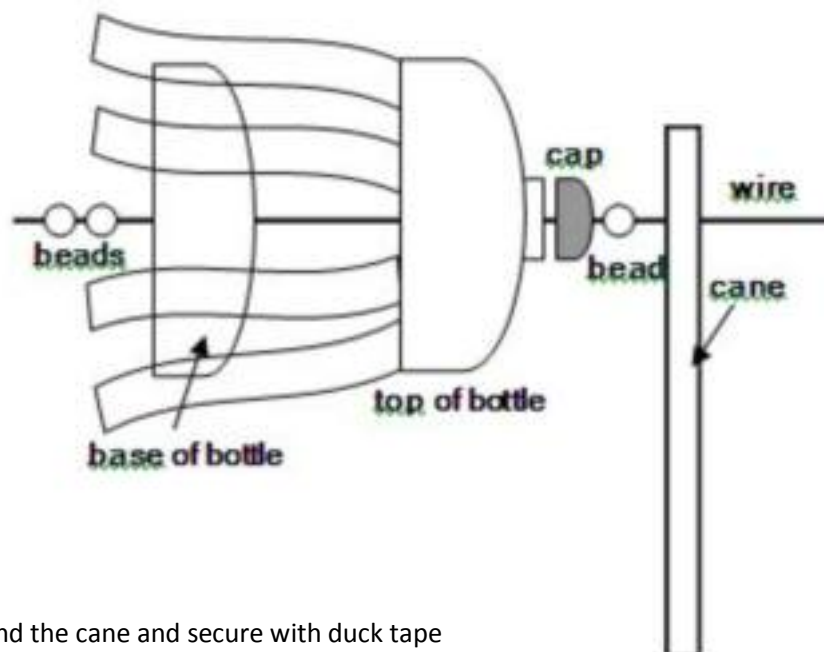
canes,
wire-2mm,
beads,
2 litre bottles,
duck tape,
glass pens,
scissors

In advance:

drill the canes with a 2mm hole
cut wire into 40cm lengths and bend one end into a loop
drill a 3mm hole in the middle of the cap and the base of the bottle

With the children:

take the lid off the bottle and cut the bottom off (about 2/3 of the way down, so that the top 'half' is bigger than the bottom)
cut from the raw edge on the top 'half' of the bottle to create sails. These should be approx the same width.
Bend the sails out to make the bottle look like an octopus, then decorate with glass paints/pens
Decorate the base in the same way
To construct see the following diagram:



wrap the excess wire around the cane and secure with duck tape

Weaving with Lollypop sticks

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This is a very easy technique which most children will be able to use to create some very impressive weavings. Once they have mastered this basic skill, there are an infinite number of variations which will allow each child to make their own original lolly stick weaving.

What you need: lolly sticks (two per child) and some wool.

Place your two lolly sticks in a cross shape. [You might want to glue them together to hold them still, although the wool will hold them in place when you start weaving.]

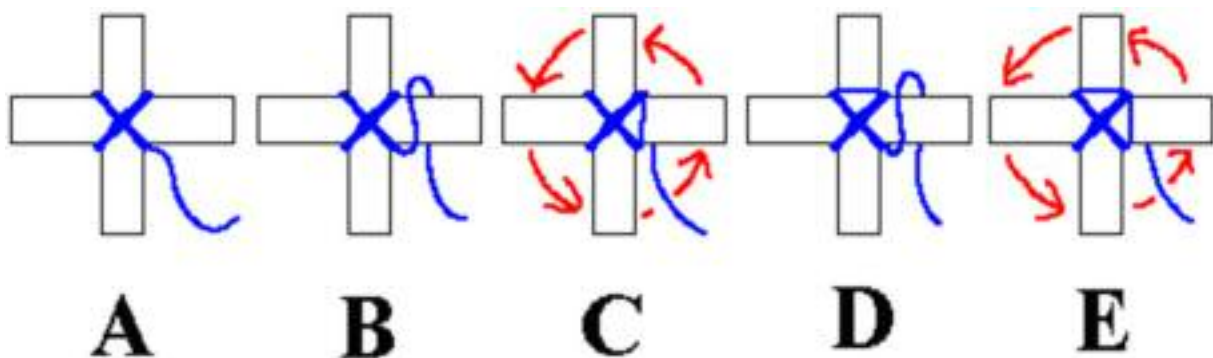
Start by wrapping the wool around the intersection in an X motion to hold the sticks in place.

Follow the diagram and instructions below:

After you have made your X in the centre, put the end of the wool in the bottom-right hand corner.

Now, wrap the wool over the right end of the horizontal lolly stick, and pull it behind

Pull the wool lightly to remove any slack (not too tightly) and rotate the sticks ANTI-CLOCKWISE by 90 degrees.



Put the end of the wool in the bottom-right hand corner, and again wrap it over and behind the horizontal lolly stick.

Pull the wool lightly, turn 90 degrees (anti-clockwise again) and wrap.

Repeat this process (WRAP, PULL, TURN, WRAP, PULL, TURN...), moving towards the ends of the lolly sticks

When you reach the ends (leave about 1cm at the end of the stick showing), to stop it untangling, get a large needle and thread the end of the wool into the back of the weaving, or tie the wool around one of the ends of the sticks.

Here is what your finished weaving should look like...

Variations

Change the colour of the wool half-way through.

Weave using two different coloured lengths of wool (at the same time).

Change the direction you weave in halfway through.

EXPERIMENT!

Why not make lots of these, then glue them together to make a large wall-hanging?

