

## Apache Inspired Basket Weaving

For centuries, basket making has been an important part of Apache life, as these were the ideal vessels for carrying their belongings over long distances. Apache artist Marvin Blackmore, whose work is in RAM's permanent collection, draws inspiration from his culture to create functional vessels. In celebration of National Native American Heritage Month, use household materials to create a miniature woven basket inspired by the work of Blackmore and other Apache makers.



### Marvin Blackmore

*Vessel*, ca. 2000

Glazed stoneware with pigmented slips

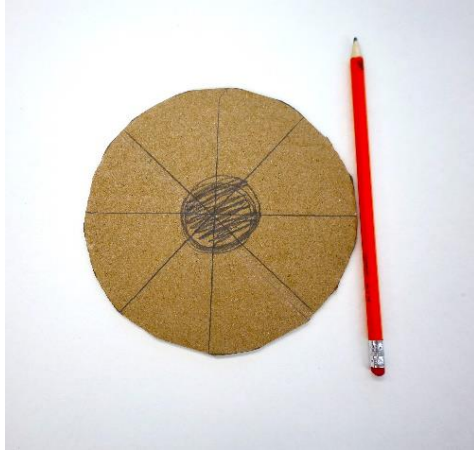
9 1/4 x 7 inches diameter

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### Supplies

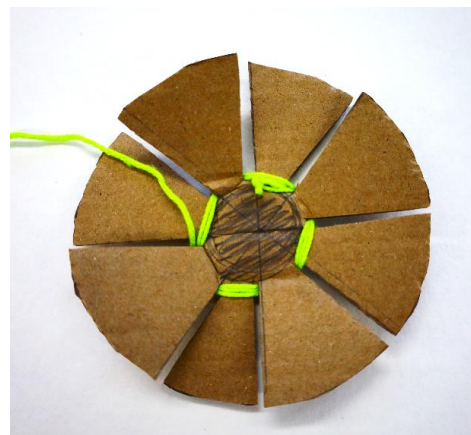
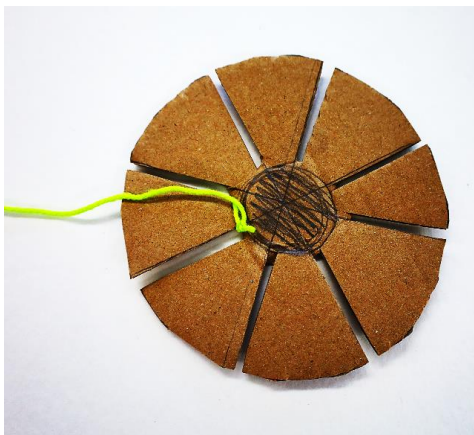
- Cardboard
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn
- Markers





### Instructions

1. Draw a large circle onto your cardboard sheet with four lines across it, as pictured below. You may find it helpful to draw the circle by tracing a circular object in your home.
2. Draw a smaller circle in the center of your large circle. This inner circle will be the base of your basket—you can decide how large or small it is!
3. Use scissors to cut out the outer circle, then cut the lines until you reach the inner circle. These slits will allow your basket to fold nicely.
4. Take a ball of yarn and tie the end to the bottom of a tab, securing it next to the base circle.
5. Begin to weave over the top of one of the tabs and then underneath following a pattern round and round.



6. Reverse your yarn pattern after weaving a few layers—start by going under, then switch to going over to create solid yarn layers on both sides of the cardboard tabs.

7. When you want to switch out colors, cut the end of the yarn and retie the new color onto the end- then continue with the weaving pattern.

8. Color the bottom of your basket with a marker to complete the project.

