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Feather Dreamcatcher Collaborative Craft Kit (Pk/1)**Dreamcatchers:**

The traditional dreamcatcher is associated with Native American culture in general, but they are often believed to have originated specifically from the Ojibwa Chippewa tribe.

According to the Ojibwa story, a mystical and maternal "Spider Woman" served as the spiritual protector for the tribe, especially for young children, kids and babies. The Ojibwe people believed spiders were a symbol of protection and comfort. As the Ojibwe continued to grow and spread out across the land, the Spider Woman found it difficult to continue to protect everyone as they traveled farther and farther away. That's why she created the first dreamcatcher. Following her example, mothers and grandmothers would recreate dreamcatchers as a means of protecting their children and families.

Native Americans believe that the night air is filled with dreams, both good and bad. When the dreamcatcher is hung above a bed in a place where the morning sunlight can hit it, it attracts all sorts of dreams and thoughts to its webs. Good dreams pass through and gently slide down the feathers to the sleeper below while bad dreams are caught in its protective net and destroyed, burned up in the light of day. Our Feather Dreamcatcher is an artistic interpretation of this concept. As the wreath is created, we hope that together, the group becomes its own small community creating a piece that has lasting meaning to each person. When the completed project is displayed, we hope that it becomes a positive focal point of a space and provides inspiration for those who see it.

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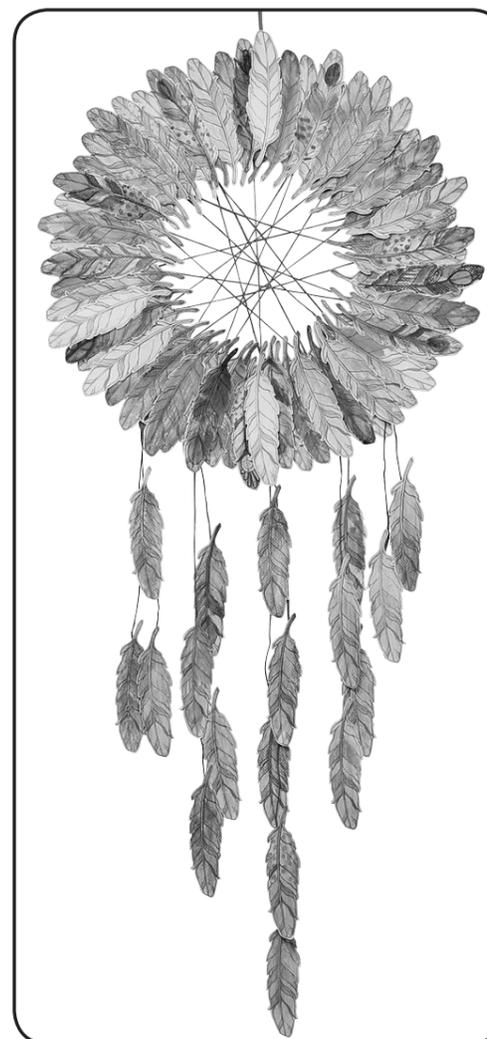
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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING

**YOUR KIT CONTAINS:**

- Printed Feather Shapes
- Wreath Base
- Paint Brushes
- Cord
- Glue
- Watercolor Oil Pastels

YOU WILL NEED:

- Scissors
- Strong Tape
- Cups of Water
- Paper Towels
- Ruler

NOTE: This project can be divided over a 2 day period or longer depending on the size of the group.

AGE GROUP: 5 and up
PROJECT TIME: 60 minutes

NOTE TO THE INSTRUCTOR:

Working in a Collaborative Setting

Collaborative art projects offer a group the opportunity to create a lasting project suitable for display in a larger setting. Creating a Collaborative art piece takes Patience, Respect, Teamwork and Community building as the work is made. We encourage you to integrate these 4 ideas into your creative process.

Here are some reasons why:

PATIENCE: When creating a collaborative piece, people participating must be patient. Depending on how you set up the activity, the project may not be completed in one day, or the way one person envisions it. And it can't be rushed. A project like this is a great opportunity for those who may be a little less patient, with some direction, to slow down and enjoy the creative process.

RESPECT: Everyone works at a different pace, likes different colors and artistic styles. A collaborative piece allows everyone to participate. Everyone must work together to make the finished piece a success.

TEAM BUILDING: Working together as a team to create a piece, similar to how a sporting team works together in a game, results in a great finished piece. You as the instructor are there similar to a coach, to provide guidance and direction as needed.

COMMUNITY: The group creating the piece is a small community but the larger community benefits from the finished artwork. Family and community members may see the artwork on display and benefit from the interaction with the people who created it. A space benefits from the finished piece being displayed and helping to create a positive community environment.

NOTE: This project has been designed for a group size between 4 and 25 people to participate, depending on how the activity is set up. There are plenty of supplies included! This group art project can serve small or large groups during a single scheduled activity or over a period of time. A little planning on your part as the instructor can reap significant benefits to the group and the larger community.

PROJECT PLANNING

This project can be painted to fit any themed season/event or decorated with any color palette to match a facility's décor or branding. Be sure to discuss the color theme or ideas with the group ahead of time to make the painting activity run smoothly.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Painting Feathers:

Collectively discuss and determine the color theme of the feathers. You may want to test out some of the watercolor oil pastels on a piece of scrap paper first. The colors can be very vivid when left unpainted, but when brushed with water, can be blended and very subtle.

1. Color the feathers with the watercolor oil pastels. You can layer different colors which can be blended together. Brush over the colored areas with water to blend and soften colors.
2. Let feathers dry completely.

NOTE: The feathers should flatten out as they dry. If needed, you can bend them in the opposite way to flatten them out as well.

String the center of the wreath and additional cord pieces:

1. Measure and cut approximately 15' of cord (in one length).
2. Use a piece of strong tape to secure one end of the cord to the back of the wreath.
3. Start to string the cord through the holes (refer to finished sample photo). String your own design in a random pattern in the center of your wreath using the holes on the center of the wreath form. If you find you need additional cord, you can tie on an additional length as needed.

IDEA: If your group would like, you can string on beads (that you have on hand) to the cord for a different look.

4. When your string design is complete, use a piece of strong tape to secure the end of the cord on the back of the wreath.
5. Make a wreath hanger by cutting a 12" piece of cord and string through the single hole at the top of the wreath and tie a knot in the 2 ends to make a loop.
6. Measure and cut 5 lengths of cord approximately 8' long each (or adjust length for where you are hanging the finished project). Fold each piece in half and thread 1 cord through each hole on the bottom of the wreath. Use both ends of the cord piece and tie a knot so the cord is secure to the wreath base. Let the string fall. Repeat this with the other 4 pieces of cord.
7. Trim the cord to the length you want. We made the outer strands shorter and the center strand longer in the finished sample.

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