

# Wrapped!

# Activity inspired by the *Tjanpi 'Wild Harvest Family'* woven grass sculptures in the First Australians gallery

# Have you ever created a stick art sculpture?

Children in the July 2012 school holiday program will create a wrapped stick sculpture that reflects their personality. This project is inspired by the *Tjanpi 'Wild Harvest Family'* woven grass sculptures.

If you are unable to join us this school holidays, you might like to download some of our activity sheets and do them at home.

#### Vibrant stick art

## What colours and textures represent your personality?

You can wrap textiles and fibres around sticks and other natural forms to create a sculpture that represents your personality.

#### What you will need:

- a stick 30cm-90cm long
- fabric offcuts in various colours
- string, twine, wool or taffeta
- scissors

#### What to do:

- 1. Grab your stick and a pile of different fabrics, wool and twine.
- 2. Find a spot to spread out on the floor.
- 3. Wrap the fabric around your stick. Then use the twine, wool or string to keep it in place.

Tip: cut the fabric into strips – this makes it easier to wrap.

### 4. Experiment with:

- o wrapping your wool tightly
- wrapping your wool loosely
- o crisscrossing
- o mixing different materials and colours
- o finding other things to wrap around your stick sculpture
- o joining sticks together

How does your stick sculpture represent your personality?

If you would like to share your creation with us, send a photo to: Schoolholidays@nma.gov.au and we will add it to our flickr stream.



Tjanpi Wild Harvest Family 2006 By Jennifer Mitchell, Mrs Baker, Panjiti Mackenzie and Nellie Patterson Tjanpi Desert Weavers, Pitjantjatjara people, Central Australia

Here are a couple of samples that we made.

Look at the different colours and textures of the fabric and wool.



