

Make your own wothy crab pot

For this activity you need about 25 pipe cleaners

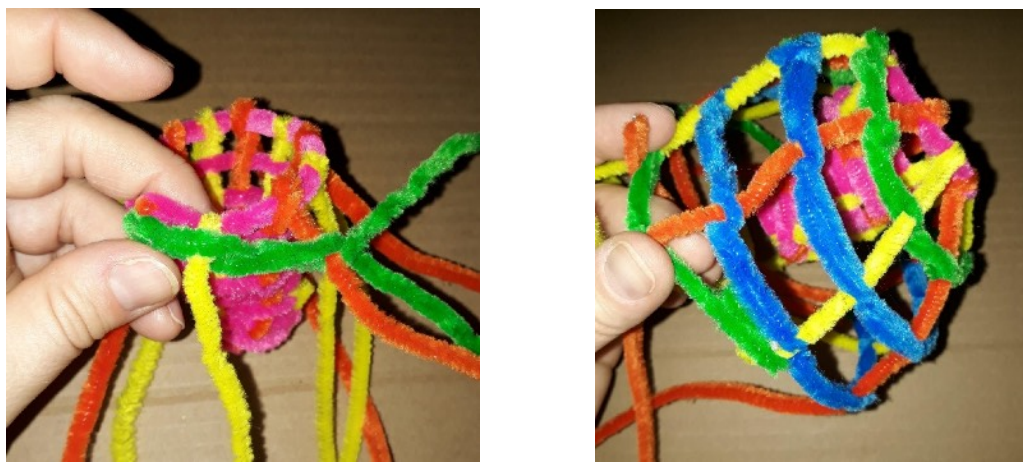
Step 1: Hook the end of one pipe cleaner over another about 1cm from the end. Repeat this until you have 10 pipe cleaners in a row. Space them with about 0.5cm between each and secure by folding over the end of the supporting pipe cleaner (pink in the pictures)



Step 2: Weave the supporting (pink) pipe cleaner through the others creating a reasonably tight circle. Continue weaving, adding additional pipe cleaners as you go until you have a tube 4-5cm in length.



Step 3: Fold the ten pipe cleaners which are sticking out (orange and yellow in picture) back on themselves. Take two new pipe cleaners and fold the ends over one over the ones that are sticking



out at the point it is folded back on itself. Weave these two pipe cleaners in and out of the 10 sticking out, giving a twist each time to hold them in place. The weave should be much looser than previously done for the neck of the basket and should spiral out away from the neck. Add more pipe cleaners as needed continuing the spiral until the basket is slightly longer than the neck.

Step 4: Fold every other sticking out pipe cleaner over to begin to form the bottom of the basket with spokes. Weave the others through these alongside a new pipe cleaner (purple in the picture) to hold it all in place. Secure each pipe cleaner by folding the end over one of the spokes. Continue weaving additional pipe cleaners into the bottom until the gap has gone.



You should now have a complete withy pot, why not play around to see if you can create ones with different styles. If you are feeling brave you could even have a go at making a real one with willow.



If you want some extra guidance there are plenty of videos on youtube such as this one: <https://youtu.be/aqJJuPWYV1E>