



Crafts-to-Go: Celebration of Cultures Edition

*This kit contains small parts.
Adult supervision recommended.*

Did you know that every family, yours included, has its own unique culture?

In this kit, you'll create a one-of-a-kind wall hanging that shows off some of what makes your family special.



Visit the 5th Annual Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures on Saturday, August 26 at Kopp Park! Learn more by visiting the Village of Mount Prospect website, or use the QR code to link directly to the day's schedule.



What is "culture" and who has it?

Culture is all about how you and your family live your lives - your traditions, how you spend time, what you eat, how you're expected to behave, what's important to you, and how you express that.

It's sometimes odd to think about our own lives as "culture," because the way we live our own lives feels "normal." But everyone has a different definition of "normal!"

Sometimes we think that culture is what other people have, but the truth is that we all are part of many cultures, and your family has its own particular way of being, or culture!

Follow these instructions to create a woven art project that shows parts of your unique family culture.



1 Find the wooden sticks in the bag. On the wide end of each stick, write the answers to some of the following questions:

Think of one of your favorite holiday traditions and write it down.

How do you show love to each other in your family?

Does your family have a special saying or mantra?

What does your family love to do together?

What does "success" look like in your family?

What are three words that describe your family?

How does your family spend free time?

What are some of your family's favorite foods?

What makes your family laugh?

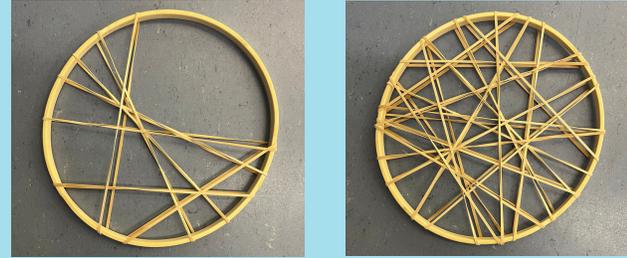
What is your family's top priority?

What music does your family enjoy?

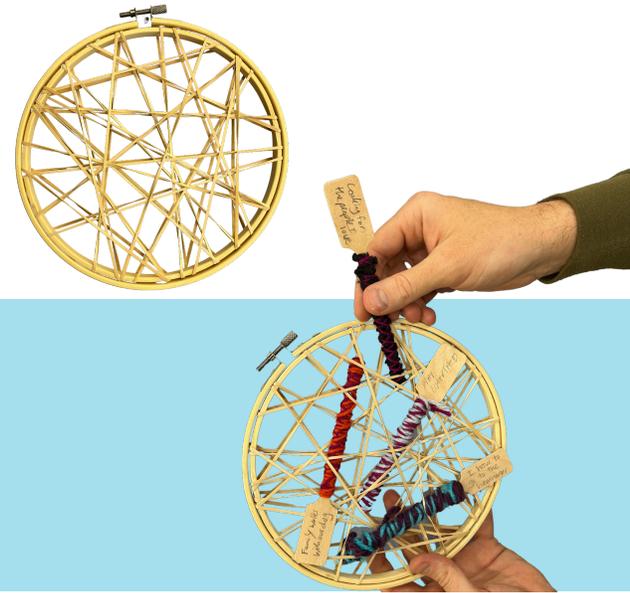
2 Now wrap yarn around each stick!



3 Take apart the hoop so that the two rings are separated. Loop rubberbands at various angles around the hoop like this until you like the way it looks.



4 Replace the outer ring of the hoop and fit it over the rubberband-filled inner circle.



5 Weave the yarn-wrapped sticks into the ring in a way that you like.



6 If you like, add some beads to a pipe cleaner. You can weave it into the circle, or you can use it as a hanger. Find a great place to display your unique creation!



7 Would you like to share a photo of your artwork with us? Email a photo of your family with your artwork (or just the artwork) to sbattle@mpppl.org and you will win a prize! Thanks for participating.



Go on a culture hunt!

As you read books, watch movies, play with friends, and explore the world, look for clues about human culture!

You may find that culture is hiding everywhere!

What is the same about all cultures? What is different about your culture compared to other cultures?

Write some of your ideas here!

