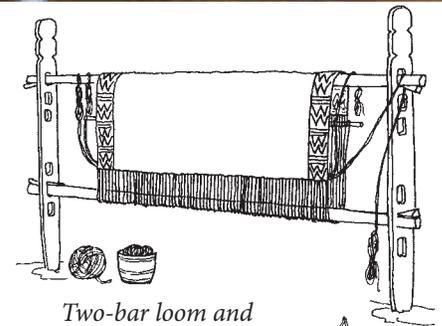


The People of Cascadia Activity Kits

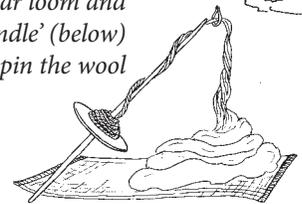
Northwest Coast Weaving



This activity introduces students to the rich, wool-weaving culture of the Pacific Northwest by making a small woven strap, similar to the 'tumplines' used to carry baskets, as well as the hand-woven wool robes important to tribes up and down the coast. The student looms model the traditional 'two-bar loom' used throughout the Salish Sea and beyond, which is a unique design which allows easy access to the weaving area.



Two-bar loom and 'drop spindle' (below) used to spin the wool



Tumpline, also called burden strap, in use to carry a berry basket.

These wool robes and straps could be highly elaborate and were an art form traded far and wide. Wool was historically made from the wool of Mountain Goat which live in the high mountains of Cascadia, as well as the shorn hair of the wool dog, which were noted in early historic accounts and paintings, now extinct through cross-breeding. When Vancouver Expedition arrived in Puget Sound they noted the many wool dogs which the women kept, and the heavy wool capes, hats and skirts made from a soft and warm wool worn by the people they encountered.

Each student will make a small woven strap using natural and colored sheep wool representing the traditional natural dyed colors of the region, typically yellows, browns and blues derived from barks, lichen, hulls and berries.

This activity is designed for elementary - adult students. The activity generally takes about 30-45 minutes to complete.

Natural Dyes Kit Supplement

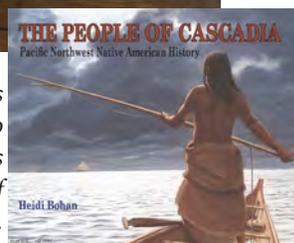
We can also supply prepared plant dye materials from Oregon Grape (yellow); Acorn (tan to browns) and Salal berries (blue/ grey), as well as premordanted wool to make your own naturally dyed wool yarn to use in this activity.

Each student will be able to weave at least one or two bands of each color into their weaving project.

Supplies for 25 students: \$75.00



These activities are designed to reinforce teachings from *The People of Cascadia* book.



Each Kit includes:

Wooden looms (25), needles and wool for 25 students to make a 1- 1/2" x 4" weaving, with straps.
Activity instruction sheets
Coloring activity sheets
Props: Partially woven sample loom,
Color sheets of relevant historic paintings and photographs.

Price:

Activity Kit: \$125.00
with Book (discounted): \$145.00
Additional students \$3/each
Replenishment supplies* \$30
(*Max 2 per kit/ per year)
Class set of 25 books: \$500
Research set of 6 books: \$135

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