



Nature Bracelet Activity

YOU WILL NEED:

Masking tape / small seeds / small native leaves / small flowers

HOW TO MAKE:

- 1** Wrap a piece of masking tape, sticky side out, around childrens wrists. **2** Encourage children to pick up small pieces one at a time and place them on the masking tape.
- 3** When complete the children will have a lovely nature bracelet.

HOW THE ACTIVITY IS LINKED TO VICTORIAN EARLY YEARS LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:

The VEYLD acknowledges that children live and learn in families, early childhood settings and local communities.

The Learning Outcome ‘*Children are connected with and contribute to their world*’ describes children as they demonstrate an increasing knowledge of, appreciation and respect for natural environments, and begin to understand the environmental differences locally and in other parts of Australia. Collecting and gathering natural materials from the local environment and using them to decorate this bracelet also supports opportunities for using sensory capabilities, refining and practicing fine motor skills that are evident in the Learning Outcome associated with ‘Wellbeing’.

HOW THE ACTIVITY LINKS TO ABORIGINAL CULTURE:

Traditionally, Aboriginal women gathered and arranged natural materials such as seeds, nuts, shells and flowers to make into traditional jewellery, clothing or cooking utensils. The clothing and jewellery was worn by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women during traditional ceremonies.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Gathering flowers, leaves and decorations for this activity could involve the children in rich shared conversation about what they found and opportunities to extend vocabulary to describe the textures, colours, shapes and fragrances of the items. Concept development about sustainability and natural flora could be supported through the introduction of reference books and resources. When all the materials are assembled, fitting them together on the band and the opportunity for patterning, measuring and assembling the bracelet supports the child developing as confident and involved learners.

