

Scavenger Hunt

Forage for the materials you will need to make your giant shamrock. The images should help you identify common weaving materials found in hedgerows, woodlands, fields and ditches. Ask an adult to help you.



Dogwood



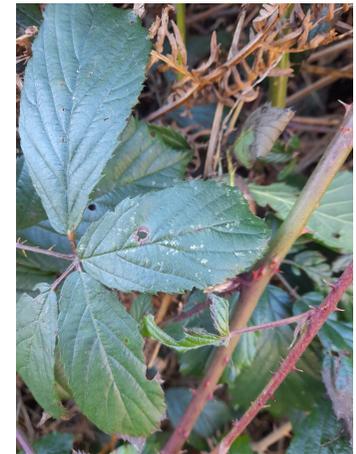
Goat Willow



Hazel



Ivy



Brambles

Top Tips:

Wear a pair of good boots and a coat. Always be prepared for the weather.

Sometimes you will find that the materials have been cut before, farmers often do this to keep their field boundaries tidy. It can be a good idea to forage for your materials along the side of a field, but remember to always ask the land owner for access first.

List of Materials:

8 long lengths of willow approximately 6ft long. Goat willow is very common but you may have another variety in your garden or near to your house that you could use instead. All varieties of willow are versatile and can be used for the purpose of this project. Hazel can be used for these elements too and is often easy to find.

A selection of the other materials would be great. Forage what is easiest for you to find in your locality or what you like the look of best.

There is no wrong or right in this project.

60 lengths in total approximately 4ft long. This should be plenty.

Things you will need:

One pair of secateurs or snips.

String to tie up your harvest into bundles to carry home.

These tools can be very sharp and difficult to use.

Ask the adult helping you to cut the materials needed.

You can be the eagle eye that spots them.

Harvesting the Materials:

Choose your materials well. Selecting long straight rods or branches if you can. Remember that you don't want them too thick. Slender and long is what you are looking for. Don't worry if they are crooked, you can make use of this, a unique feature of your woven artwork.

Keep an eye out for willow and hazel that has been previously cut, this produces long straight rods, exactly what you are looking for. Cut the rods or branches at the base, this will ensure they are as long as possible.