

Make your own toolkit:

Assembling your own project toolkit can be a fun activity in and of itself! You get to decide what goes into your toolkit, making it custom made to your own interests. Your toolkit might have every item needed to make rope because your group really likes to rope making, but perhaps it won't have any paper making supplies if that activity is not as desirable. Your friend's toolkit might contain only the **reusable** tools and books for all activities while users would be expected to furnish their own **consumable** items such as indigo dye, cotton linter, and yarn.

The basic toolkit is a plastic tote that contains any or all of the following activity materials:

- Printed activity directions/ whole curriculum in 3-ring binder

Indigo Dyeing

- 1 indigo dye starter kit
- 6 stencils
- dusk/mist mask
- 1 pair rubber gloves
- dyed cloth samples
- reference book: Sandberg, Gøsta. Indigo Textiles Technique and History, Lark Books, Asheville, NC. 1989.

Mat Weaving

- 1 wooden tabletop loom
- 10 bobbins
- 1 cone of cotton yarn
- mat samples
- reference book: Buchanan, Rita and Eric Buchanan. A Weaver's Garden, Dover Publications. 1999.

Knot netting

- 1 cone of yarn
- 2 shuttles
- 2 gauges
- net samples

- reference book: Blankenship, Bart and Robin. Earth Knack – Stone Age Skills for the 21st Century, Gibbs-Smith, Salt Lake City, UT. 1996.

Paper Making

- 2 mold and deckle sets
- 1 sheet cotton linter
- paper samples
- reference books:
Hiebert, Helen. Papermaking with Plants.
Lockie, Ellaraine. The Gourmet Paper Maker.

Rope Making

- 1 rope machine
- 1 cone of sisal/jute twine
- rope samples
- reference book: Findley, Gerald. Rope Works. 1996.



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