

Activity – Te Reo Maori Arts

Key areas of learning:

- Art
- PE
- Science – body parts

What you will need:

- **Poi-** YouTube link for easy poi song/dance
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5XoYtkySNA>
- **Flax/paper-** for weaving
- **Learn an easy Haka- dance/movement**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDs5YYbDsKg>
- **Explore Te Reo Waiata (Maori songs) for kids (links below)**
- **Learn Te Reo Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcfnjJpnves>
- **Maori pattern printouts to colour**



Keywords:

Maori, New Zealand, poi, haka, flax, weave, dance, waiata (songs), patterns

Under, over, back, forward, up, down, head, shoulder, hips, legs, eyes, ears, nose, mouth

What to do:

- Explore poi actions (see symbols for actions)
- Try some weaving- cut out favourite animal or shapes to weave (see images below for ideas) with paper. Try weaving with natural resources such as flax (explore the pre weaved and dried flax flowers)
- Can you make a colour pattern by colouring in these Maori art images (see following pages)
- Listen to songs in Te Reo Maori- including a colour song and the Maori Alphabet song (see below for links)
- Learn the Maori version of heads shoulders knees and toes

Extension:

- Match Maori words to English words- body parts, colours, positions

Attachments:

- Poi <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5XoYtkySNA>
- Weaving ideas using paper and flax (see following pages for flax)



Links for Maori Waiata (songs)

Maori Alphabet song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiI7BIZLLwM&list=PLCVXt-NgyIERIAm_SEHfoGrc54SRfkJd0

Maori colours song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gY9Aq9zI8QI&list=PLCVXt-NgyIERIAm_SEHfoGrc54SRfkJd0&index=2

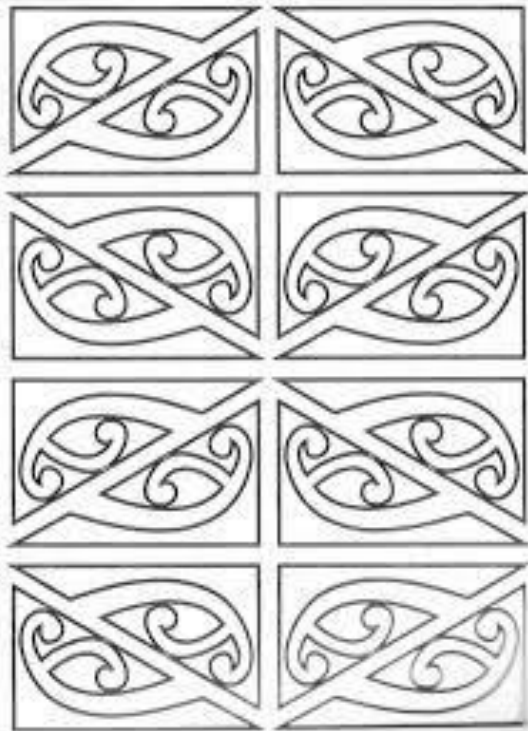
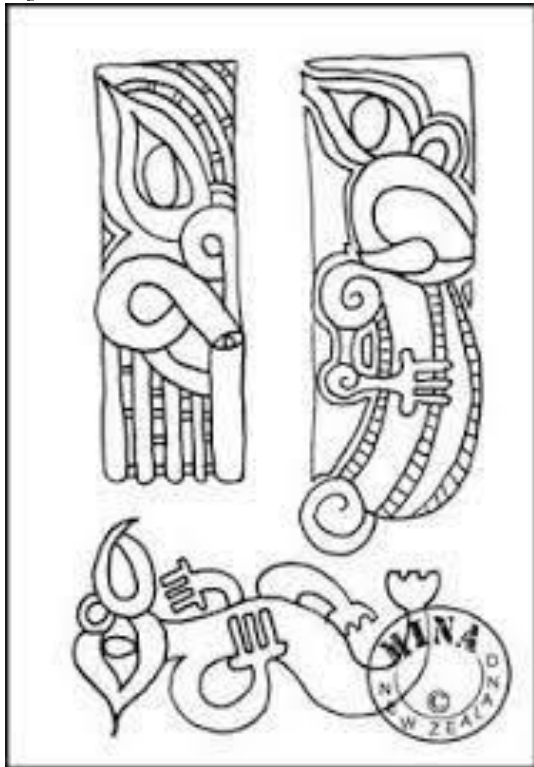
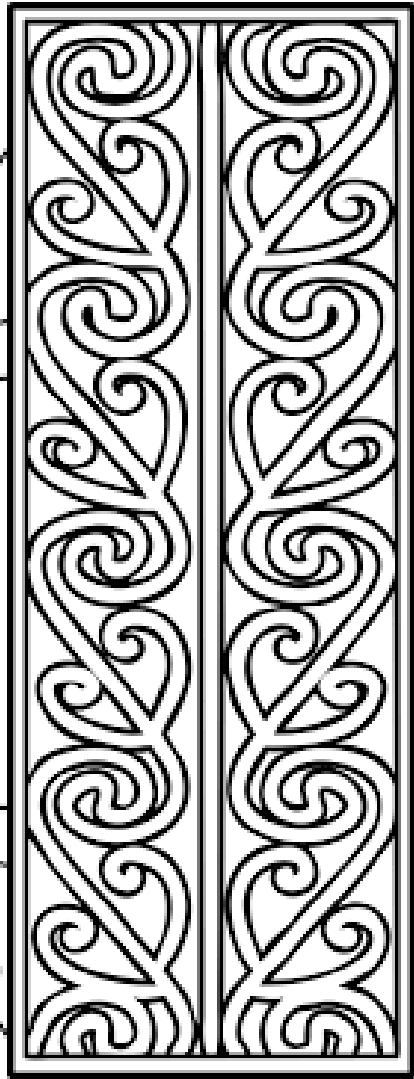
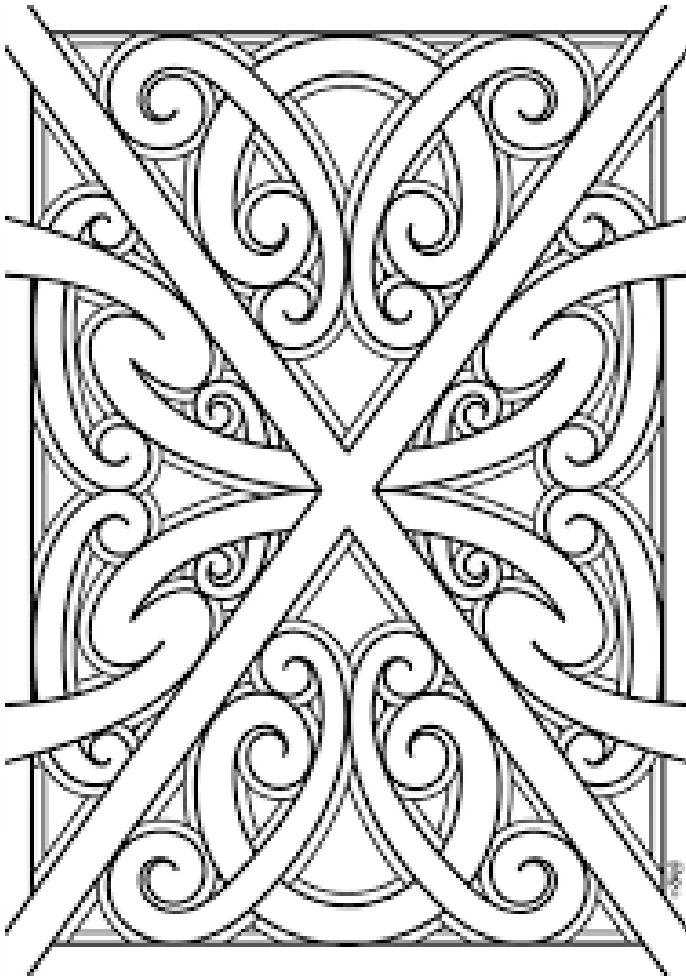
Tohora nui- whale song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuZgGAm7I-c&list=PLCVXt-NgyIERIAm_SEHfoGrc54SRfkJd0&index=9

Heads shoulders knees and toes Maori version <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcfnjJpnves>









MANU



- 1** **YOU'LL NEED:**
2 hand-made strips, 1 paper, scissors & pegs. Sticky eyes optional.
- 2** Split both ends of a 30cm long double-width strip, leaving it uncutted in the middle.
- 3** Gently curve your strip in half until the ends meet and cross over.
- 4** Move your 4 strips together & gently tighten. Leave an opening to fit a single strip through.
- 5** Secure your woven section with a peg.
- 6** Slip a single width strip on through the hole. This strip will help to form the back and tail.

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- 7** Use a single staple to secure the bottom portion of your bird.
- 8** Trim the outer 2 strips to form your wings.
- 9** Cross the back strip down and trim to fit triangular shapes.
- 10** Use your thumbnail to split the tail & create feathers.
- 11** Add self-adhesive sticky eyes and enjoy!

YOU COULD:
- Use different width strips to create different sized birds.
- Add feathers for additional adornment.
- Substitute wood for stability.
- Try making several & create a model.

FLAX FISH

1. Strip a length of flax around your fingers back to show.
2. Thread another piece of flax under the second loop and over the first.
3. Bring it right around behind the first loop and then under the second one on the back.
4. Bring it round and over the front then thread it under the first loop.
5. Pull it a little tighter.
6. Then take the right hand end of the right green flax and bring it around to the back.
7. Pull it over the front dark flax loop and under the second.
8. Pull all the ends tight until they are nice and square.
9. Trim the flax and nail with a scissors.
10. Shave the tail.
11. The finished fish.
12. To hang it, use a long bit of flax and thread through the back loop.

HOW TO MAKE A SIMPLE FLAX FLOWER



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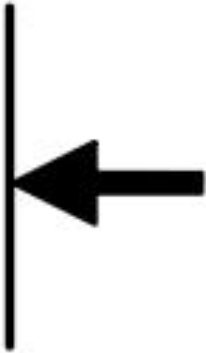
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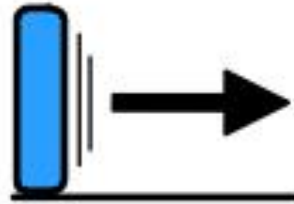
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raro/down



roto/back



waho/forward



poi



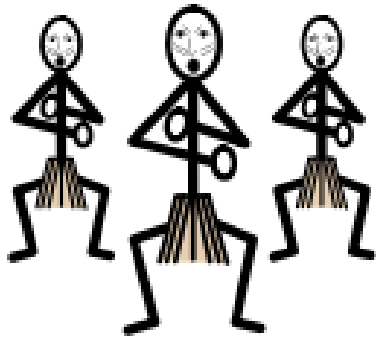
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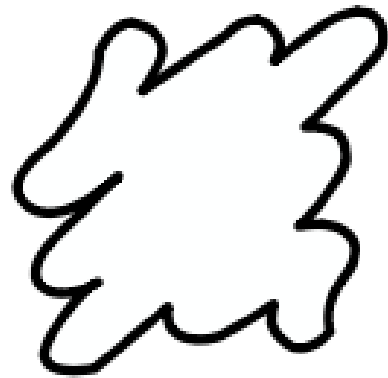
weave



waiata/song



haka



ma/white



whero/red



kakariki/green



pango/black



kowhi/yellow



parauri/brow



kikorangi/blue



karakaraka/orange



mahunga/head



pakihiwi/shoulders



poku/tummy



hope/hips



waewae/legs



taringa/ears



mata/eyes