



Matariki

Tāwhirimātea's Eye Kit

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Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter and for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year.

Matariki literally means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki). According to myth, when Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother, were separated by their children, the god of the winds, Tāwhirimātea, became so angry that he tore out his eyes and threw them into the heavens.

This year we would like you to make your own beautiful 'eyes' to be displayed throughout the city in local shops and businesses.

Use the materials provided to build your 'eye' and add special touches. Remember you can also use your own materials or sticks to make your art work unique. Let your imagination run wild and decorate your 'eye' in any way you want.

Once completed, return it to Children's Services at the Invercargill Public Library to have it displayed in one of our City Centre Shops.

Return your 'eye' by:
Saturday, June 30

Location:
**Children's Services
Invercargill Public Library
50 Dee Street**



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut a long piece of wool, lay one stick across the other and join the two by wrapping yarn around the middle of the two until they form a firm X shape.
2. Knot the end of the yarn to the sticks, close to the intersection of the sticks.
3. Wrap the yarn around the stick then follow onto the next stick, wrapping it around and continuing on around the cross until the yarn reaches the end and then tie it off.
4. Continue knotting on weaving threads until the sticks are full. You can switch weaving materials or colors whenever you like after you tie off the previous piece.
5. Embellish your 'eye': Use the extra bits provided to make your 'eye' special to you.

**CUT THIS OUT AND RETURN WITH
YOUR 'EYE' TO GO INTO A PRIZE DRAW!**

NAME: _____

AGE: _____ PHONE: _____

SCHOOL: _____