

Catching Dreams



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Aim

- I can tell you about the artist Leonora Carrington.
- I can make a dream catcher.

Success Criteria

- I can tell you the names of some of Leonora Carrington's artworks.
- I can tell you facts about Leonora Carrington's life and work.
- I can share something interesting about her work.
- I can design a pattern onto a paper plate circle.
- I can paint my design onto my paper circle.
- I can weave wool and add feathers to my dream catcher.

Leonora Carrington



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(1917-2011)

Leonora Carrington was an artist and a writer, although she was also involved in making murals, textiles, costumes, poems and masks.

She was born in Britain but lived most of her life in Mexico. There she was very famous and popular. She is viewed as a Mexican artist because of this. Carrington painted dream-like images, using fantasy characters.

She came from a very wealthy British family in Lancashire, but ran away with an artist when she was 20. She had spent a lot of time being expelled from schools and getting into trouble. She felt more comfortable with her artist friends.

She loved animals and often featured them in her work. Her love of nursery rhymes and fairy tales can be seen in her paintings.



Looking at Paintings



Look at your image.

What can you see in the picture?

Where is the painting set?

How does the picture make you feel?

What colours can you see in the picture?

Why do you think the artist painted it?

If you could give the painting your own title, what would it be?





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Leonora's Dreams



Leonora Carrington's paintings are often described as 'dream-like'.

Weird and wonderful creatures and activities seem to be happening in her paintings.

Imagine that she could catch the dream you had last night.
What do you think she would paint?

Dream Catchers

Dream catchers are common in Native American culture.

They are usually circular and have a web or a net in which to 'catch your dream'.

The net is made by weaving thread around the circle.



Feathers and beads are used to decorate them because they are special items in this culture.

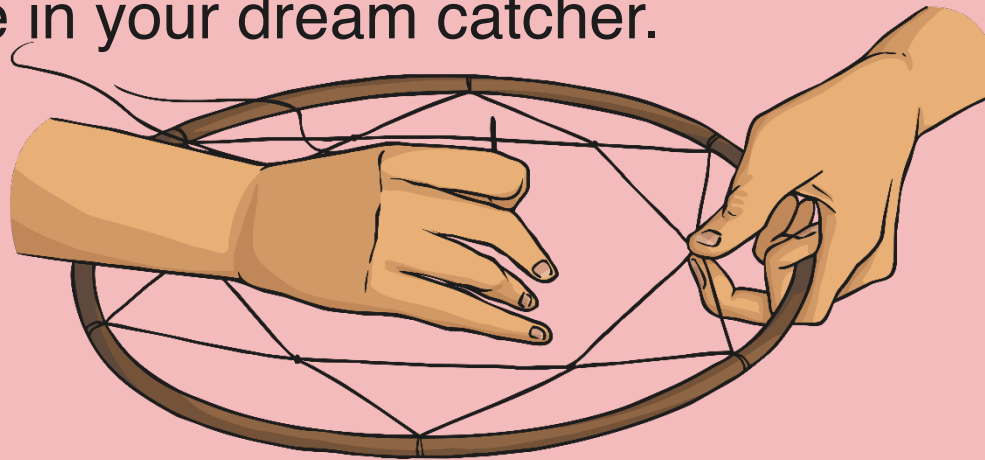
They were designed to filter out bad dreams so that only the good dreams could get through to the mind.

Your Task

Your job is to make your own dream catcher.

Think about the colours that the artist used in her paintings.

Use these in your dream catcher.



How to Make a



You will need:

Paper plate ring (with holes punched)

Wool/string/ribbon

Paints

Decorations such as beads, buttons, feathers etc...



1. With a pencil, lightly sketch a design onto your ring inspired by Leonora Carrington shapes and characters.

2. Paint your design.

3. Thread wool from one hole to another in any order you like. Make sure the wool crisscrosses the circle. As you thread, add beads to the wool to decorate.