

The Santero's Miracle



Weaving a placemat

Introduction

Weaving is essential in the basket making process. Did you know you could weave patterns with construction paper to make table placemats?

What you are going to do

Using the same process you will be making a placemat by weaving paper together.

Before you begin

You will need:

Nine colored strips of paper 11 x 1 inches

Glue

One full colored sheet of paper

Procedures

1. Using nine strips of paper, and the first paper you prepared.
2. Weave each strip of paper through the slots.
3. Cut any extra pieces off and glue the ends of the strips down to the paper.

Tortilla recipe

Introduction

Andrés' grandmother cooked several traditional meals throughout *The Santero's Miracle*.

What you are going to do

Below is a recipe for one of the meals prepared in the book. Use math, reading, and comprehension skills to prepare the recipe below.

Before you begin

Ingredients

4 cups Unbleached all purpose flour

2 teaspoons Salt

4 teaspoons Baking powder

2 tablespoons Vegetable shortening

1 ½ cups Warm water or more if needed

In a large bowl, stir together the flour, salt and baking powder. With a fork or your hands, gradually work in the shortening until it is all incorporated. Add enough warm water to make a soft, but not sticky dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured board and knead for 5 minutes.

Divide the dough into ¼ cup (3 oz) portions and form them into balls.

Roll each ball into a flat round about 6 inches in diameter and 1/8 inches thick.

Heat a large heavy skillet over medium high heat. Place one tortilla at a time on the dry hot skillet; cook until brown on each side.

Remove from skillet and keep warm in cloth towel.

Emergency preparedness

Introduction

During *The Santero's Miracle* Andrés' family struggles to get help for their sick neighbor Leo because of the snowy weather.

What you are going to do

Think about what you would do in case of an emergency and prepare a package that includes items you may need. Water, food, and clean air are important things to have if an emergency happens. Each family or individual's kit should be customized to meet specific needs, such as medications and infant formula. It should also be customized to include important family documents.

Before you begin

Create a short list of items you think should be included in the kit.

Learning More

Visit <http://www.ready.gov/kids/> for more information on emergency preparedness.

Emergency preparedness checklist

Gather items in a central location

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day
- Non-perishable food, at least a three-day supply
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Clothing and Bedding: It is possible that the power will be out and you will not have heat. Rethink your clothing and bedding supplies to account for growing children and other family changes. Make sure you have:
 - A jacket or coat Long pants
 - A long sleeve shirt
 - Sturdy shoes
 - A hat and gloves
 - A sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person