

Ojibwe Dream Catcher Legend

A grandmother watched patiently each day as a spider spun his web above her sleeping place until one day her grandson noticed the spider and tried to kill it.

"Don't hurt him," she told the boy in a soft tone, surprising him.

"But grandmother, you should not protect this spider."

When the grandson left, the spider thanked the woman for her protection and offered her a gift. "I will spin you a web that hangs between you and the moon so that when you dream, it will snare the bad thoughts and keep them from you."

At this, grandmother smiled and continued to watch the spider spin his web.

Now it's your turn!

Follow along with the instructions sheet to create your own dreamcatcher and keep only the good thoughts in while letting the Moon take care of the bad thoughts!



Ojibwe Tribe

- **Name:** Ojibwewaki
- **Government:** A part of the Council of Three Fires and the Anishinaabeg, which include the Algonquin, Nipissing, Oji-Cree, Odawa and Potawatomi
- **Population:** 170,742 (after colonization)
- **Languages:** Ojibwe (also English and French)
- **Region:** In what is currently southern Canada and Northern Midwestern United States
- The Ojibwe are known for their birch bark canoes, birch bark scrolls, mining and trade in copper, as well as their cultivation of wild rice and maple syrup. Their Midewiwin Society is well respected as the keeper of detailed and complex scrolls of events, oral history, songs, maps, memories, stories, geometry, and mathematics