

**Pre-visit Activities** Pre-visit activities are designed to inform students about *ReCoil* and assist them interpret and understand what they will see at the exhibition.

**In the classroom**

- Read stories about Aboriginal myths and culture
- Introduce the concept of weaving, finger knitting or coiling
- Talk about visiting the gallery and what they will see
- Show examples of the coiled baskets or mats
- Talk about uses of these items

Ask the children to bring in baskets from home

- Look at the baskets and discuss how they are different
- Ask the children to find things to carry in their baskets
- Find something inside and something outside
- Notice how it helps to free your hands
- Use the baskets to help with food preparation or craft activities etc

**At the exhibition**

Gallery activities are based around Children's Labels which are located in the exhibition

- Organise the students into small groups with a leader
- Look at the works and read out the Children's Labels
- Encourage students to talk and share ideas about what they are seeing and hearing

**Post-visit activities**

- Take morning tea in a basket

**Activity 1**

- 1 Make a coiled turtle (or other animal shape)
- 2 Finger knitting

Materials

Coloured platercine or clay

Method

- Roll out lengths of platercine or clay on a table by lightly moving the palm of the hands back and forwards over the coil to gently expand the length
- Join the coils together to make a spiral shape
- Add the head, legs and tail
- Use different colours to make patterns



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## Activity 2

### Finger knitting

#### Materials

- Woollen yarn
- Wool needle

#### Method



- Start by making a slip knot at the beginning of a ball of yarn (leave a tail of about 20 cm).
- The slip knot needs to be quite tight.



- Put the loop on your index finger. Hold the tail between the thumb and middle finger.
- Loop the yarn clockwise around the index finger and anchor with the thumb.



- Pull the slipknot loop over the second loop. Pull gently to tighten the knot. Repeat
- To finish cut off the wool and thread the end through the last loop.



Use the knitting to make a small mat or basket by stitching the wool together in a spiral shape.