

6 Useful Outdoor Projects Built from Nature

Real hands-on projects using natural materials you can gather outdoors



1 Willow Basket

Weave fresh willow switches into a sturdy carrying basket.

 **Found Materials:**
Willow switches

 **Use:**
For gathering, carrying, and storage.



2 Cattail Mat

Braid or weave dried cattail leaves into a useful sitting or sleeping mat.

 **Found Materials:**
Cattail leaves

 **Use:**
For ground insulation, seating, or bedding.



3 Birch Bark Container

Fold and tie bark into a small storage container.

 **Found Materials:**
Birch bark, roots, or plant fibers

 **Use:**
For storing small items, food, or supplies.



4 Plant-Fiber Cordage

Twist fibers from milkweed, dogbane, or nettles into strong cord.

 **Found Materials:**
Milkweed, dogbane, nettle fibers

 **Use:**
For tying, lashing, and crafting.



5 Grapevine Trellis

Shape wild grapevine into a sturdy support for climbing plants.

 **Found Materials:**
Wild grapevine, woody stakes

 **Use:**
For gardens, beans, peas, or flowering vines.



6 Sapling Tripod Rack

Lash straight saplings together to make a hanging or drying rack.

 **Found Materials:**
Straight saplings, cordage

 **Use:**
For hanging pots, drying food, or gear.