

6 Useful Outdoor Projects Built from Nature

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



1 Willow Gathering Basket

Weave fresh willow rods into a strong, flexible basket for gathering.

 Found Materials:
Willow rods

 Use:
For gathering, carrying, and foraging.



2 Cattail Sleeping Mat

Weave dried cattail leaves into a cushioned mat for rest and insulation.

 Found Materials:
Cattail leaves

 Use:
For ground insulation, sleeping, or resting.



3 Birch Bark Storage Container

Shape and sew birch bark into a lightweight, waterproof container.

 Found Materials:
Birch bark, roots or plant fibers

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



4 Plant-Fiber Cordage

Twist and ply plant fibers into strong cordage for many outdoor uses.

 Found Materials:
Bast fibers from nettles, dogbane, milkweed, or linden

 Use:
For tying, lashing, and crafting.



5 Pine Needle Basket

Coil and stitch pine needles into a tight basket for everyday use.

 Found Materials:
Pine needles, roots or plant fibers

 Use:
For carrying small items, food, or tools.



6 Twig Pack Frame

Lash straight twigs together to make a sturdy frame for carrying loads.

 Found Materials:
Straight branches, cordage

 Use:
For carrying firewood, gear, or supplies.