

6 Homestead Fiber & Craft Projects

Practical natural-material crafts for spinning, weaving, sewing, and simple homestead making.

1

Nettle-Fiber Drop Spindle

Make a simple spindle for spinning plant fibers.

 **Found Materials:**
straight stick, wooden
or stone whorl,
nettle fiber.

 **Use:**
for spinning cord
or yarn.

2

Branch Loom Frame

Lash together a small rectangular loom.

 **Found Materials:**
straight sticks,
crosspieces, cordage.

 **Use:**
for weaving belts,
bands, or mats.

3

Birch Bark Needle Case

Roll bark into a stitched case with a tie closure.

 **Found Materials:**
birch bark, root ties,
plant fiber cord.

 **Use:**
for storing needles,
pins, or fish hooks.

4

Willow Skein Winder

Build a cross-arm winder from willow or saplings.

 **Found Materials:**
willow rods or
saplings, cordage.

 **Use:**
for winding spun fiber
into skeins.

5

Cattail Cord Belt

Braid or twist dried cattail leaves into a strong belt.

 **Found Materials:**
dried cattail leaves,
plant-fiber cordage.

 **Use:**
for tying aprons,
garments, or bundles.

6

Split-Stick Weaving Shuttle

Carve a simple shuttle for passing fiber through a loom.

 **Found Materials:**
flat hardwood stick.

 **Use:**
for weaving cloth,
bands, or mats.