

## MATARIKI ART and CRAFTS – Flagstaff Church



2 other simple star crafts

WEAVING FRAME- we made a wooden frame with lots of nails around edge to attach wool vertically to. Could use a big picture frame and notches for wool to wind around..

Had a few rows of bottom of sky done to mark the land/sky division. Invited people of all ages to weave in and out using supplied materials:

SKY: Blue and black material strips, blue and black wool, black feathers. White flax stars added – made with florist ribbon in 2 sizes

LAND: Flax strips, wool in greens and browns, brown feathers (NB needed to add more flax and wool to fill gaps once the flax dried and shrunk)

Prepared with wool vertically

MATARIKI STARS – made one year in flax, next year in white florist ribbon (to add to weaving and take home – About 8 yr olds+ can manage with some help- get the 4 strips joined securely in the basic knot then teach the folding action that is repeated 8x as you turn it around

Link to photo step by step instructions: <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/blogs/post/maori-stars-whetu/>

Also a video from cutting flax to finishing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTdQDCvS1mQ>