



GRADE 2

Baskets



Confederated Tribe

A **confederated Tribe** is a federally recognized Indian tribe composed of multiple Tribes and bands.

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

- The **Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians** includes dozens of bands of Native Americans from Western Oregon, Northern California, and Southwest Washington.
- The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians have lived on this landscape **since time immemorial.**

Why is this important?

Basketry is an important part of the history of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and of its culture today.



Simple and useful



Baby baskets



Heavy work



Cooking



Ceremonies



**What do you think this basket
is made from?**



Hazel stick

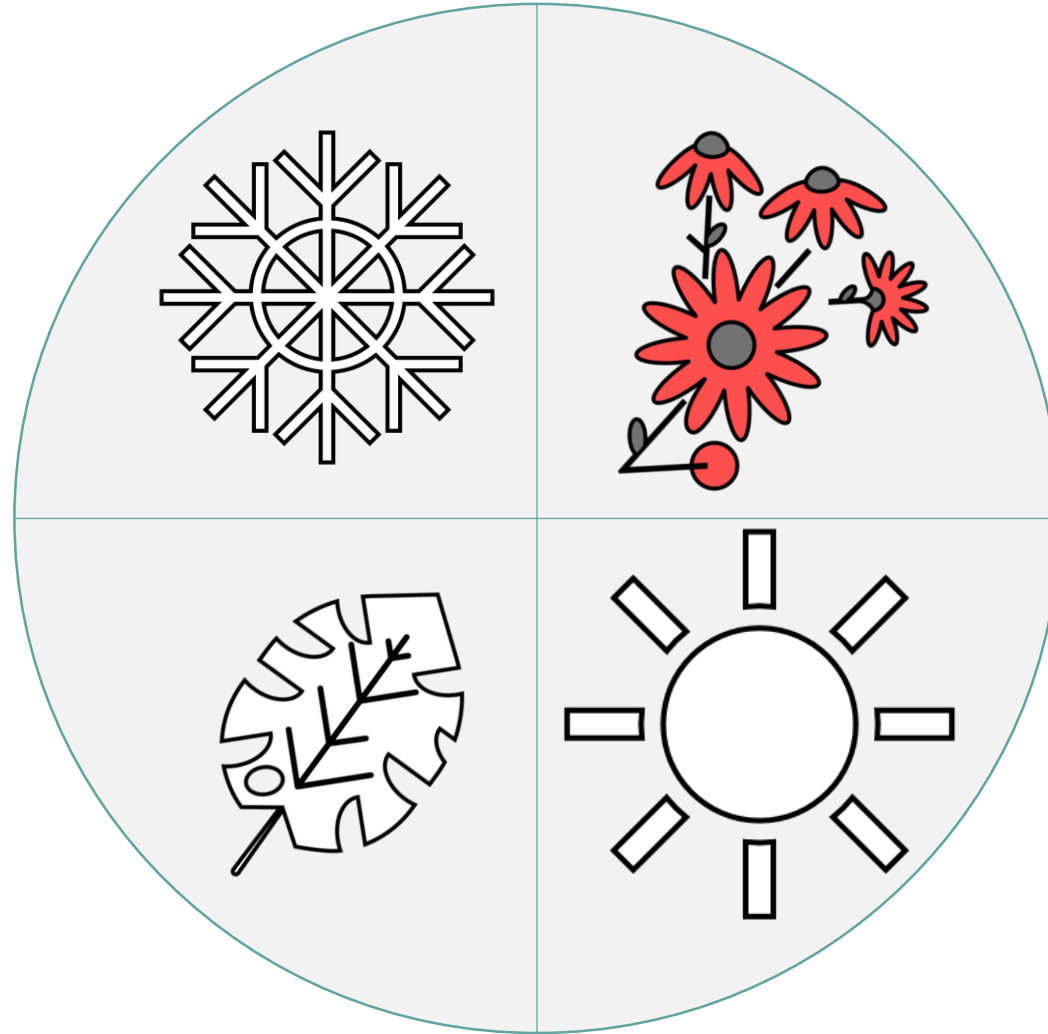
Basket materials



Warp



When to gather



Spruce roots

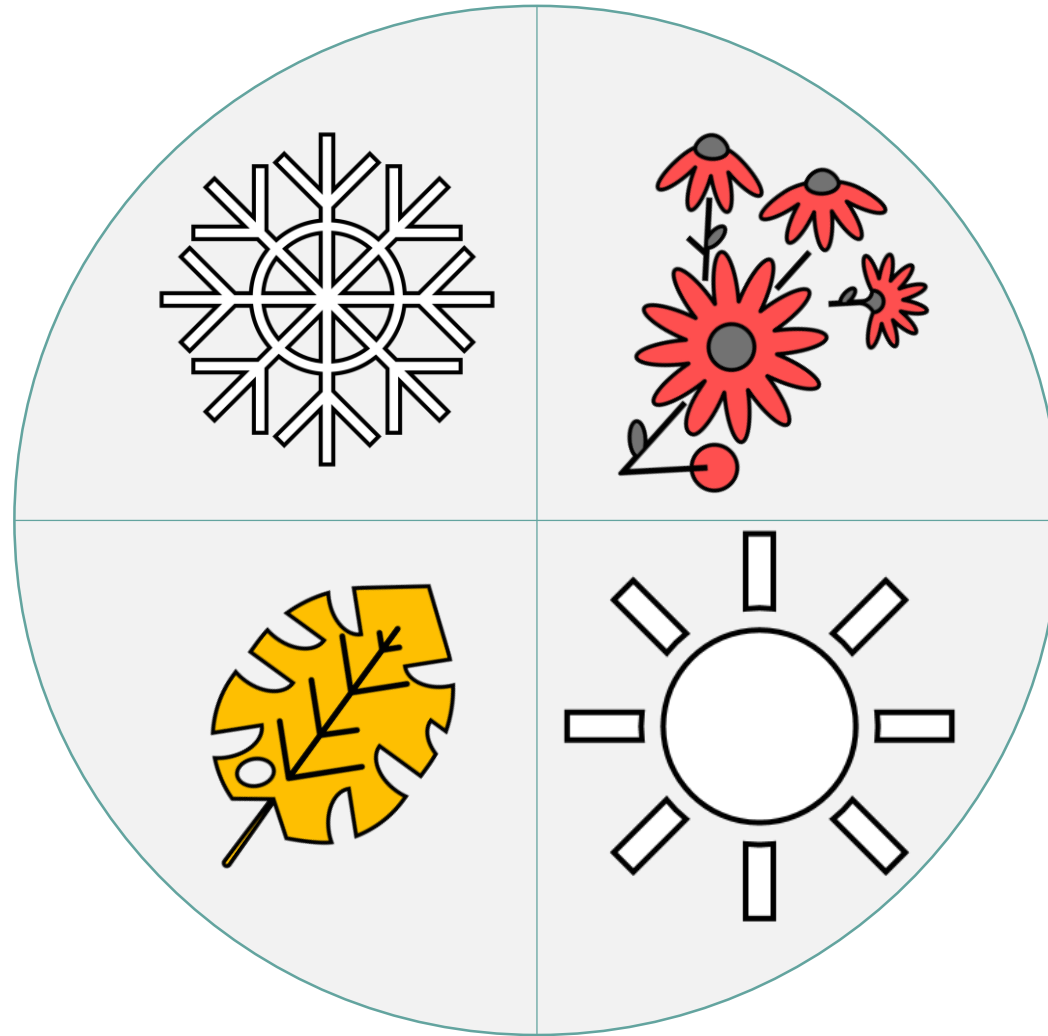
Basket materials



Weft



When to gather



Overlay

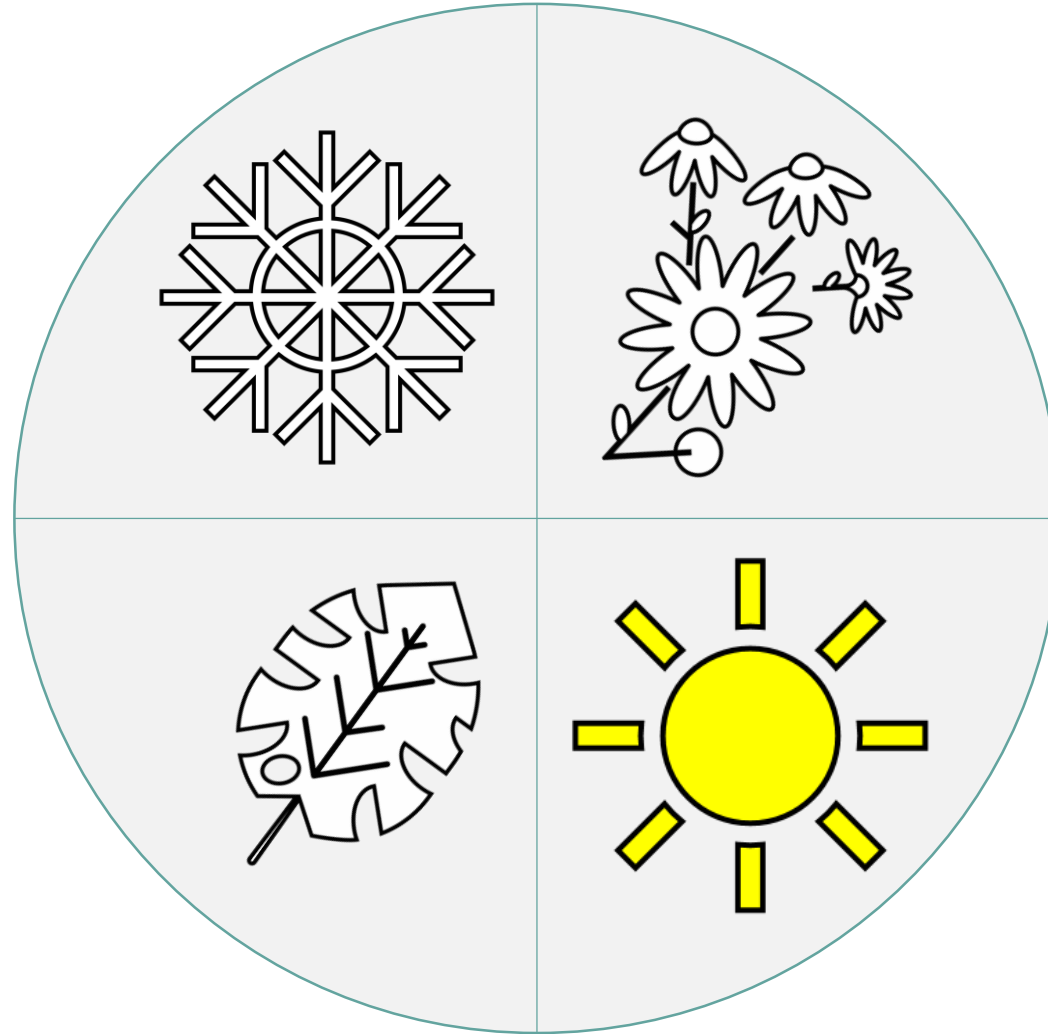


Bear grass

Basket materials



When to gather

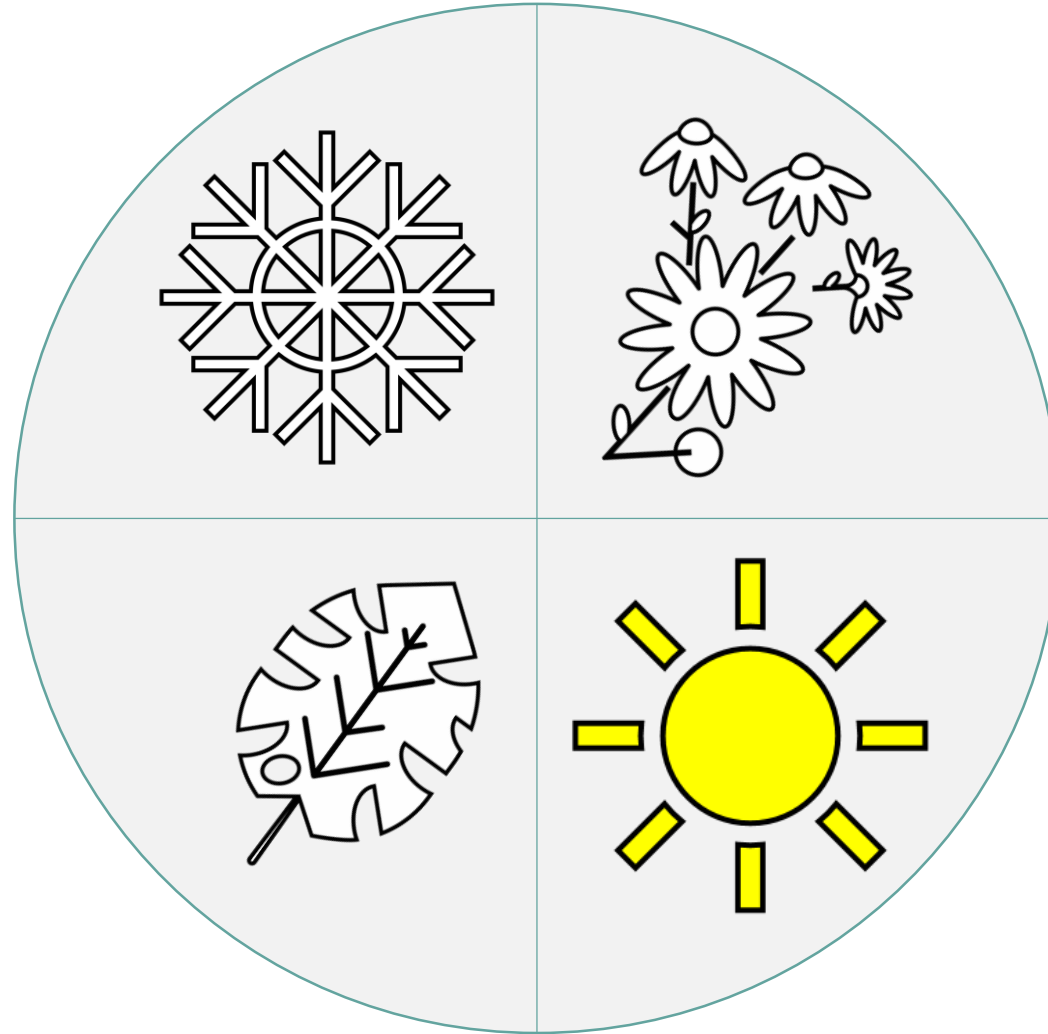


Maidenhair fern

Basket materials



When to gather



Let's review!

- A **confederated Tribe** is composed of multiple Tribes and bands.
- **Since time immemorial** means the Tribe's history goes back even farther than oral histories do.

Let's review!

- Baskets are important to the traditional life of the Tribes of Siletz.
- The Tribes of Siletz harvest basket materials based on the seasons. This is called **seasonal gathering**.
- The **warp** of the basket is the skeleton—the element that provides the shape and structure.
- The **weft** is the woven element that goes from left to right through the warp.
- The **overlay** is the design element that creates patterns.

Your turn! You make a basket!

