

# A Sticky Crown

Become a king or queen of green with a natural crown

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## Activity

Collect a big handful of cleavers and weave or simply wrap the cleavers into a circular shape.

The crown can then be adorned with flowers, berries or other leaves.

You will be amazed at how well it stays in place!

Your new green crown can be a great prop for imaginary play or storytelling.

Why stop at a crown when you could use loose parts to fashion a cloak, a staff or even a throne.

## What You'll Need:

- A supply of cleavers (also known by many other names such as sticky willy.)
- An area with a variety of plants and natural resources
- Crowns or wreaths could also be made from willow or soft lime tree branches.

The creation of the crown is essentially an **art and design** activity in which the different features chosen for the crown may represent important aspects of the wild place.

The imaginary play stemming from the creation and wearing of the crown can support the building of richer vocabulary and storytelling in **literacy**. The new member of royalty may even want their own set of rules for the subjects of their land!

Remember, a group can use a lot of material and 'strip' an area thus prompting discussions about our impact on the environment and **learning for sustainability**.

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