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Tsu’uu hlúu isgyáan k’uj
Trunk and Bark
Ts'úu k'uj
Bark
Tláas
Branch
Stl'áas k'ámaal
Cones
Cut and staple the layers of a cedar tree.
Gathering Cedar Bark

1. Pulling a wide strip of bark.
2. Flat tool pared bark loose. Cedar with the tie around trunk prevented bark from splitting further.
3. Inner bark separated from outer.
4. Taking hold of loose end, woman pulled bark away from tree with twisting motion.
5. Eyes were removed, and frayed ends of bark gathered up for pulling off wide strip.
6. Bundle tied with tapering end of bark strip.
7. Woman packed out bundles of inner bark using hair of cedar withes.

First Grade - Day 5
Weaving Cedar Bark Mats

Reprinted from the book 'Cedar' by Hilary Stewart (page 115)

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Items Made From Cedar

Bailers
Cedar Basket Weaving
Three men and a woman in a cedar canoe.
Chilkat Robe

Warp yarns have cedar bark spun into them to make them stronger.
Let’s Plait A Pretend Cedar Bark Basket

1) Fold the bottom of the paper bag down to make 2 equal halves.

2) Fold over the top of the paper bag. Fold over one more time to make the top of the bag strong.

3) Fold the bag in half up to the folded top section.

4) Fold over the double bottom sections. You do not want to cut slits in the bottom – only along the sides of the bag to the folded top.

5) Measure and draw one inch lines from above the bottom of the bag to the folded top.
6) Make one inch cuts along the drawn lines.

7) Cut narrow snips along the edges on one side of the bag to continue the slits on the edges.

8) Cut narrow snips along the edges on the opposite side of the bag.

9) Open the bag carefully.

10) Weave a one inch brown construction paper strip through all of the slits in the bag, weaving over and under.
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<td>11)</td>
<td>Glue the beginning of the strip to the end of the strip.</td>
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<td>Weave a second strip of construction paper, weaving under and over and glue.</td>
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<td>Continue weaving until the slits are filled.</td>
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<td>You can staple a paper handle on your bag if you wish.</td>
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<td>You made a beautiful paper basket!</td>
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Plaiting with Construction Paper

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