

Your Dream Catcher was specially made of Oregon native materials such as Willow from Spruce Street in Waldport, Oregon. Wisteria, Concord Grape and Madrona came from Cascade Street in West Linn, Oregon. Sagebrush, Currant, Juniper and Ponderosa Pine came from near Sisters, Oregon on Stardust Lane. Some smoky snags survived the Sage Flat Fire of 1992. Twisted pieces of beach limbs were found on the Oregon beaches mostly near Waldport and Newport. Artificial sinew is used for the webbing. Special embellishments were added as desired by the weaver. Shells were also gathered from Oregon beaches. Feathers dropped by native birds and chickens, were sanitized for re-use in these catchers, guiding good dreams to the sleeper.



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### DREAM CATCHER ARTIFACTS

Originally, many early American natives made dream catchers to hang freely near the head of the bed. The spider's web would catch the bad dreams and the good dreams would work their way through the hole in the center. The purpose of the feathers was to guide good dreams to the sleeper below. Today, many dream catchers are placed where the heart desires, which may or may not be near a bed, but often is a resting place such as a garden.

The Dream Catcher below is based on an Oregon Concord Grape adorned with white pony beads, feathers, and shells from an Oregon beach. It is centered with a pure white "spider." Note the beautiful Trumpet Vine and Concord Grape in the background.



20% of the profits from the sales of these Dream Catchers go to help support St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, SD 57326 [www.stjo.org](http://www.stjo.org)



Double Dream Catcher  
(Probably Juniper)  
Remnant of 1992  
Sage Flat Fire

Dream Catcher prices vary depending on the rarity of materials and the number webs woven onto the branch, and of course size. Sometimes more delicate webs are much harder to weave than the larger. Catchers can range from \$5.00 and up.

A note of construction you might find of interest. A favorite material of mine for the spider is a bead of hematite, a mineral  $Fe_2O_3$  constituting an important iron ore and occurring in crystals or in a red earthy form. (Websters 7th Collegiate Dictionary) It seems particularly fitting, since the other parts are of the earth.



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HONORING MY NATIVE FRIENDS