



You can find branches from nature, around the yard or find some from neighbors that may be setting them outside their homes for collection. If you think about a “sling-shot,” good branches to collect are ones that have a Y like shape!





Y shapes are great because they give us physical surfaces to help us intertwine the rigid edges due to balance and physical connection. Sculpture relies exist and occupies space the same as we do through gravity!





Duct tape is the recommended type of tape for this activity. In addition, I encourage you to explore aspects of color. Monochromatic is the use of ONE color. You can find your favorite color duct tape at any local hardware store. You may also want to pray paint your final production so stick with the same color scheme! Painting is optional. You can also hand paint multiple colors if you'd like.





You will be constructing branches together, so you might want to spend some time making sure all surfaces are clear of sharp areas and edges. The great thing about after winter, is that bark is easy to rid of. If you happen to be a family member with woodworking experience, you can also prepare and sand the branches and use a wood stain for a final finish.





One final tip after you have finished your sculpture is to think about how to display it! Sculpture is great because it allows us to reflect on building together and your piece may have design functions. What if you hang your sculpture? Or add a light to it? That could be a chandelier, right! Or, put it in the backyard to exist back again in nature to reflect on balance and nature.