Summer Christmas (NZ and Australia): teacher guide

Jandal (thong) garland and Pōhutukawa flowers

One page

for the adult

Materials

- Card in bright colours
- Scissors and a hole punch
- String
- Red and green card or paper
- Scissors and glue
- Red pens or pencils for the stamens

Time

- Jandal (thong) garland: 15–30 minutes (longer for fine detail)
- Pōhutukawa flowers: 15–40 minutes (longer for fine detail)

What it practises

- Cutting round curves and scallops
- Matching pairs
- Noticing plants and weather in our own summer

Three levels

- Easy: one big pair of jandals; one big flower and two leaves.
- Standard: four pairs; four flowers and four leaves.
- Fine detail: six pairs with cut-out holes; six flowers with fine stamens and veined leaves.

Before you start

For New Zealand and Australia, where 25 December is in summer: jandals (NZ) are called thongs in Australia. Pōhutukawa flowers in December in New Zealand.

Ideas to extend it

Talk about Christmas where we live: what is the weather like, what do we wear, what flowers do we see?

Safety

Sun safety for outdoor craft: shade, hats and water.