

Weaving: Desert Grasses. Here are two different grasses you might use in weaving.

Desert Grasses

You can experiment with using different sorts of grasses. There is always more grass around after rain, so that's a good time to go looking.

Minarri

A good grass to use is one called *minarri*. It grows in sandy country in clumps that are easy to collect.

- Green grass is good as it is soft and flexible which makes it easy to bend without breaking, but dry grass is OK too.
- The taller the grass the better.



Wanganu

Another grass, called *wanganu*, is also good. This is a form of woolly butt. When women first started making baskets, they used this sort of grass.

- It is much stiffer and often shorter than *minarri* so it is sometimes hard to bend but it is really strong.
- It is a good grass to use for flat sculptures as it lies very flat and straight.
- *Wanganu* seed is used for damper as well.

