

**BOWMAN GRADE TWO FALL SUPPLEMENT
CATTAIL IMAGES**



Cattail Painting



Cattails

Mature
seed head



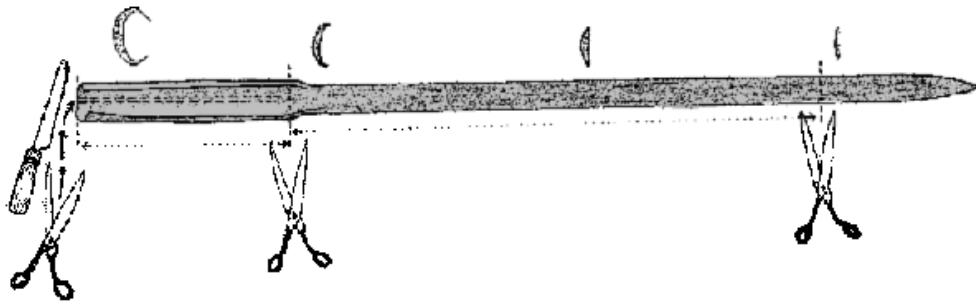
Cattail shoot peeled



TOY CATTAIL DUCKS

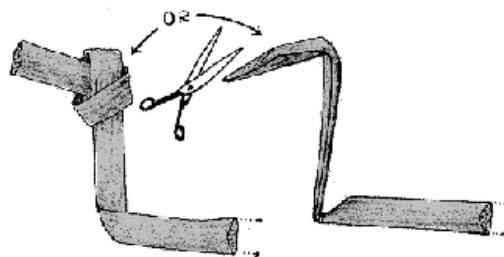


1. **PTA coordinator:** Gather cattails in late summer. Separate and rinse the leaves--no center stalks are needed to make the duck. Cut above just above the waterline to leave the root of the cattail intact. Dry the separated leaves in the shade or partial sun for 1 to 3 days. Soak the leaves in warm water for a half hour to an hour before using them.

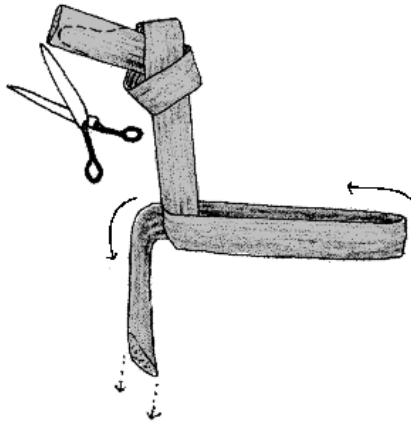


To make the duck:

2. Use 1 to 2 long cattails. Cut off the thin leaf tip because it is brittle and not buoyant. Cut off and save the thick white end of the leaf to make a tie later for the duck's body.



3. For either style head (flattened-knot or bent-over style), start with the thicker end and the duck's head will be sturdier.
4. Leave 2 inches for the neck below the head and fold the cattail at a 90 degree angle.



5. Leave 2 inches for the body (remember the body will grow longer as you wrap) after the fold at the bottom of the neck and begin wrapping the leaf around the 'body', around and around... until the leaf runs out.
6. If the leaves are short, 2 cattail leaves may be necessary to fill out the wrapped body. After 10-15 wraps, end the duck's body by snipping the leaf on a diagonal to create a 'wing' effect.
7. Tie the body *tightly* with a thin strip of the thick white end of the cattail leaf. Knot the tie at the bottom center of the duck's body so it won't show while it's swimming.
8. Ready to Float!

