

## MUSEUM AT HOME

# Great Oak Tree

To the Pechanga people, the land and the Great Oak that stands upon it carry meaning that transcends physical presence. The Great Oak has come to embody the identity and character of the Pechanga Band: strength, wisdom, longevity and determination.

### What You Need:

- Toilet paper rolls cut into thin strips
- Lunch bags cut into strips
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Acorns

### What You Do:

1. Take the strips of lunch bag and twist so that they look like rope. These will serve as the roots and branches of the Great Oak Tree.
2. Arrange these on a piece of construction paper so that your tree has roots and branches. Stack and glue the twisted paper on top of each other so that the trunk of the tree has depth and thickness.
3. Once all of the roots and branches are in place, add the leaves.
4. The leaves will be made from the strips of toilet paper rolls.
5. Now add the acorns.

Part of the Great Oak's significance lies in the fact that, despite its great age, it continues to produce acorns, one of the foods that sustained native Californians for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans. The Great Oak produces acorns every two to three years.

