

# Digital Traditions

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Harriett Bailem Brown

*Interviewed by Saddler Taylor*

## Collecting pine needles (01:22)

*<Video shows H. Brown holding a handful of green pine needles>*

**H. Brown:** I would gather it green and then spread it out in the sun and let it get dry. [Close to]...pine leave usually grow much longer, but this is a young-very young tree...very young. So you see where the-you see those pine cone they grow-*<Camera zooms in on pine cones>*-see this tree is beginning to grow pine cone. Can you see that? Right here. This is the cone. This tree is getting up in age but the-

*<Video cuts and then shows H. Brown with two handfuls of pine needles>*

**H. Brown:** This is green and this is the color it's gonna turn to.

**S. Taylor:** How long does it take for that to happen?

**H. Brown:** Everything goes by natural-by the sunlight it gets. The sunlight will change this. If I were to lie this down in the grass *<H. Brown lays a handful down>*, maybe in a week or two, these pine needles would be looking like this. Pine needles takes a longer time...a longer time to dry out.