

This project I'm representing the Crow. The dreamcatcher was originally created by the Native Americans. Dreamcatchers back then were created with a willow branch bent into a circle. Then they would cover for it with a natural web that they found or from sinew. After that, they would add beads or feathers attached to the bottom. These dreamcatchers were only a few inches wide.

The dreamcatcher was said to originate from the Ojibwa Chippewa tribe. The Lakota tribe also has its own legend about the dreamcatcher, but most ethnographers believe the dream catchers were passed down from the Ojibwe through intermarriage and trade. The word for dreamcatcher was asabikeshiinh which means "spider," referring to the web on the hoop. The netting of the dreamcatcher was also used for making snowshoes. The first document of the dreamcatcher was in 1929, among the Ojibwe by ethnographer Frances Densmore. Ojibwe legend is that long ago Asibikaashi (which means Spider Women) brought the sun back to the sky. Adults kept a feather in their possession rather than on their dreamcatcher. When your looking to buy a dreamcatcher, most of what you see when you search for "Native American dreamcatchers" are cheap objects mass-produced in an Asian sweatshop somewhere or glued together by non-native teenagers with eBay accounts, and these "dreamcatchers" often bear only vague resemblance to the actual American Indian craft it is supposed to represent.