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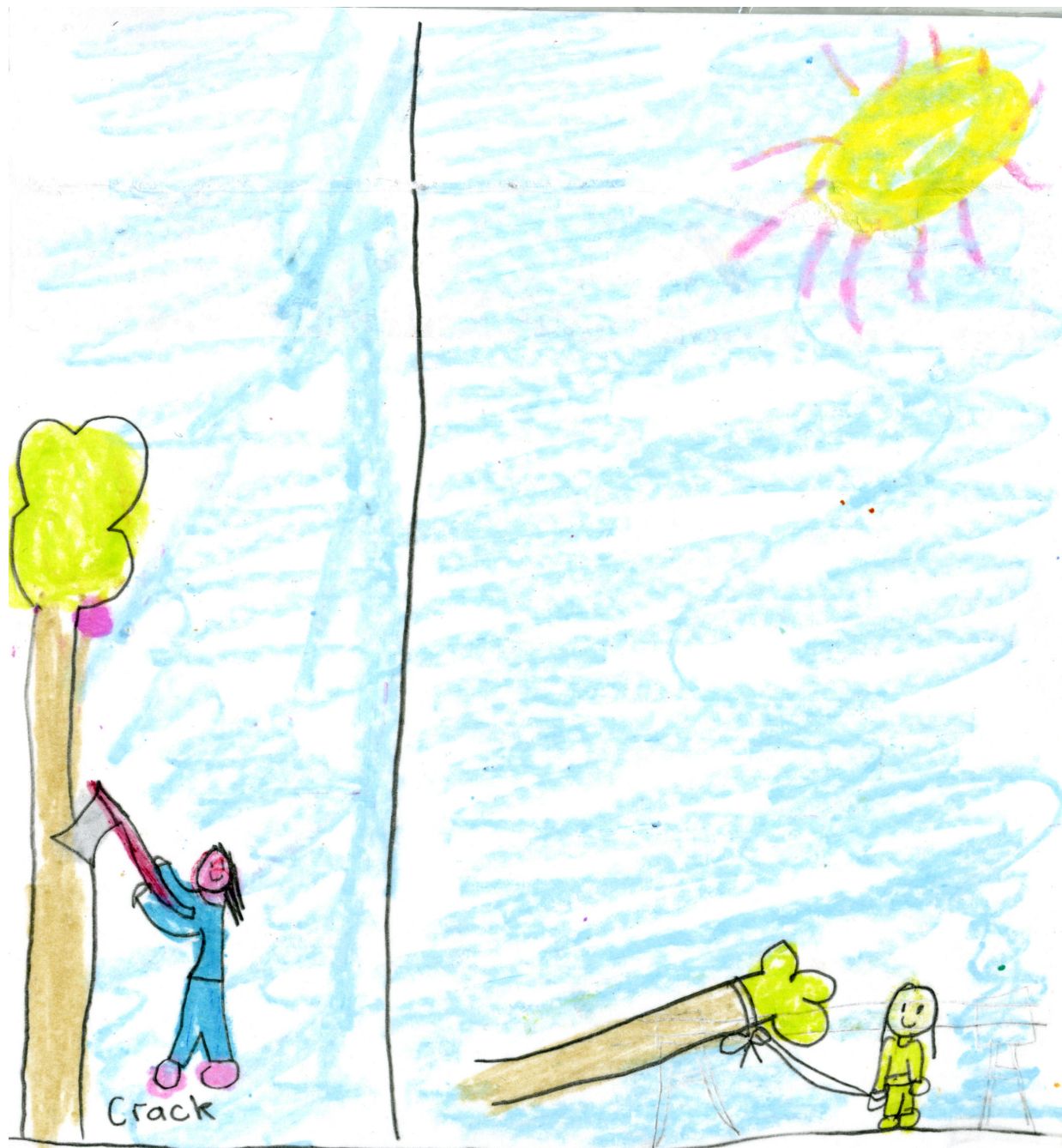




Before we make a Brown Ash basket, we need to find a Brown Ash tree that looks like it will make a strong Brown Ash basket.

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Once we find a good, strong Brown Ash tree, we cut it down. Then we take the tree home so we can pound the Ash into strips.

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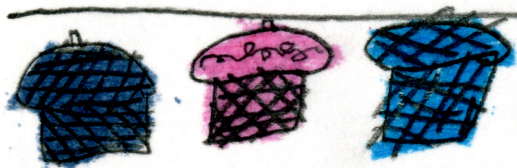




Now our log of Brown Ash is ready to be pounded. The top and bottom ends of the log are laid to rest on two stands. The log is pounded using a heavy metal mallet. As the log is pounded, strips of Ash separate from the log.

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Now that our ash is pounded, the thick strips of Brown Ash need to be made thinner. For this job we use a splitter.

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Gauges are handheld tools that make "weavers" and "standards". The "weavers" go around the basket. The "standards" go up and down the basket. Together they hold the shape of the basket.

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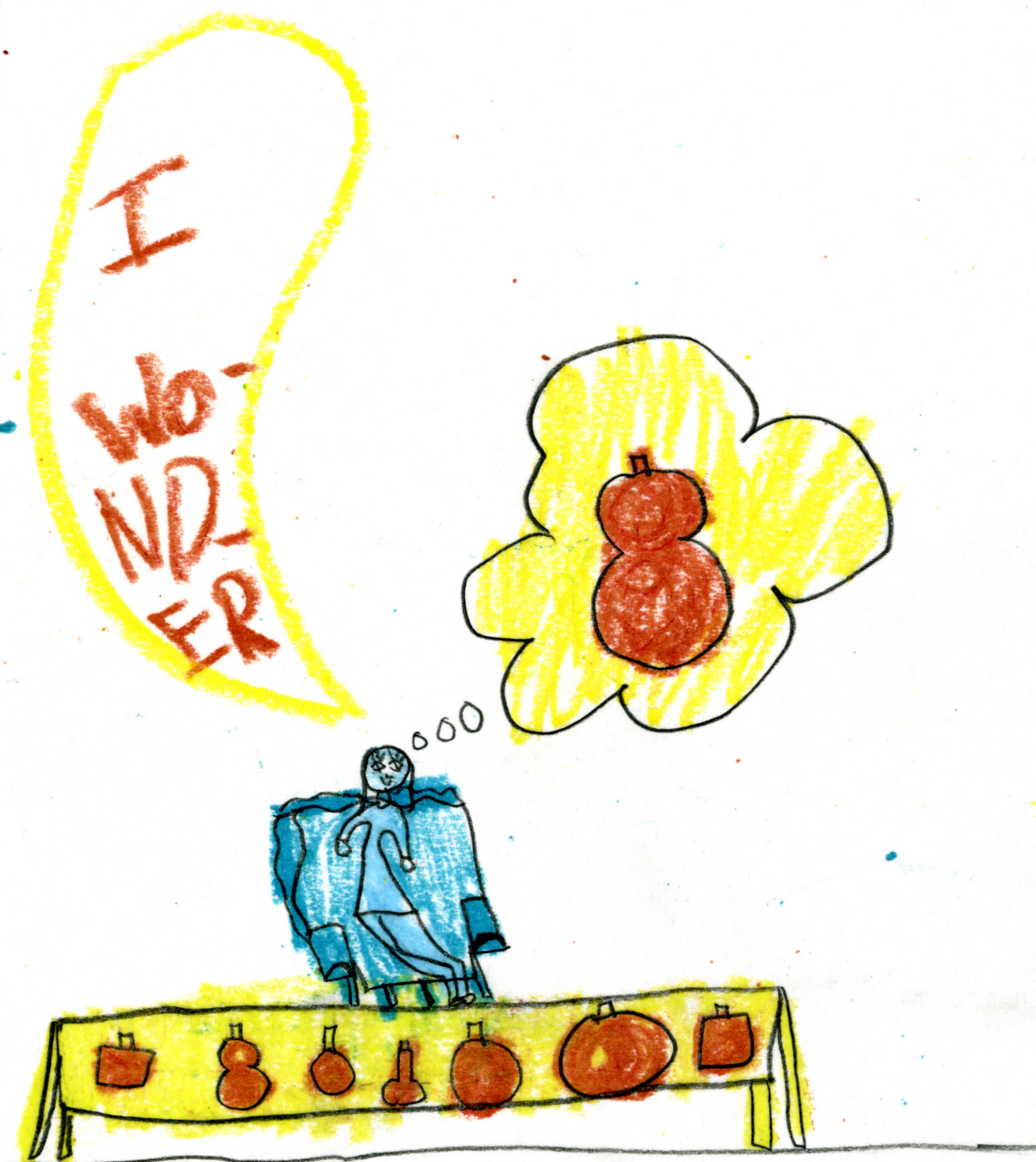




Now that the ash is gauged, the strips must be shaved with a small knife until they are smooth enough to weave into a brown ash basket.

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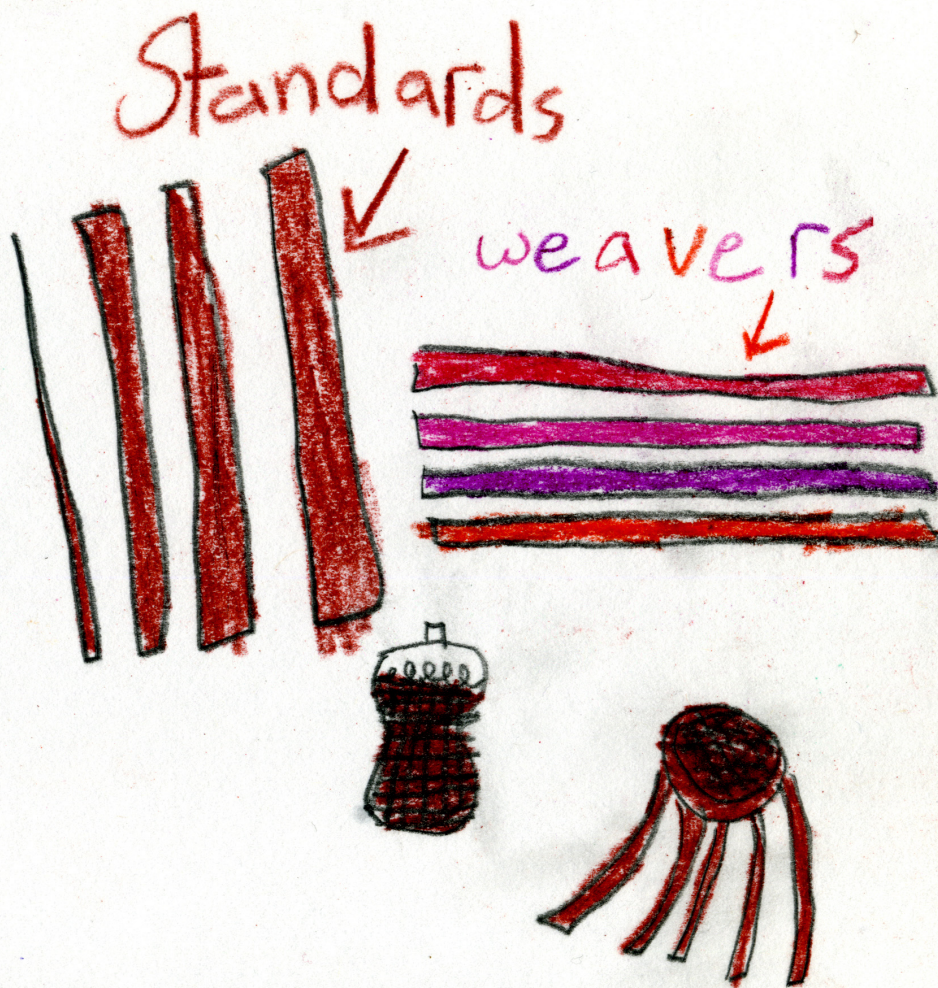




Our next step is to pick out a block for the shape of our basket.

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Now that we know the size of our basket,  
we can cut the right number of "standards"  
and "weavers." We are now ready to begin weaving  
the bottom of the basket.

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Once the bottom is finished we will weave the basket a quarter of the way up the block. Then we will tie the partially made basket to the block, using string.

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We will weave the basket until it's three quarters of the way up the block. Then we remove the block from the inside of the basket. We do this by cutting the strings. By: Maliyan





We have decided to add some braided sweet grass to our basket. Braiding is another type of weaving using three or more strands of sweetgrass. The braid of sweet grass is woven into our basket.





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We continue to weave until we reach the top of the basket. Then we use a thick strip of Brown Ash to make the rim of the basket. Our basket is now ready to be shared.