



Weaving Skills Ropes

A metaphor for the integrated nature of skills, including social-emotional-cognitive



The story you're telling:
Learning is about the brain weaving skills together to form strong skill ropes.

Strategic way to redirect thinking away from patterns such as:



Back to Basics; Compartmentalization of Skills; Passive Learning; Naturalism; Skills = Cognitive Skills; Will Power

Concepts and ideas included in this frame element:

- **Ropes are made of many strands:** skills are complex by their nature.
- **Strands are intertwined:** you can't do one without the other.
- **Every strand is equally important:** establishes the importance of a wide range of skills without having to name reading and math and therefore cue up 'back to basics' thinking.
- **The strongest ropes have many more strands:** the most complex and advanced skills involve many different individual skills. Learning, like braiding, can go on indefinitely.
- **Ropes serve many purposes:** skills are functional, dynamic, and useful across contexts.
- **A flexible rope is created in a specific way:** learning for transfer is akin to unweaving a strand from one rope and braiding it into another.
- **Ropes don't weave themselves:** learning is an active process that requires certain conditions, such as the opportunity for practice and application.

Read the original research behind this recommendation at FrameWorksInstitute.org