

EXCERPT FROM RECORDED INTERVIEW OF MAY WALTON  
TALKING ABOUT USING SPRUCE RESIN  
CONDUCTED BY KAREN BREWSTER AND SUSAN GEORGETTE  
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MAY WALTON: I always see my dad when we go gather rafting. To try to gather. To -- you know, those lots -- lots of gum like we call 'em napaaqtuq kutchuq (spruce tree gum). Quǵglaq (oozing sap). Not the hard one, the sticky one.

KAREN BREWSTER: Resin?

MAY WALTON: Yellow one.

KAREN BREWSTER: Sap?

MAY WALTON: What's -- what's going down from the tree in springtime, from the winter, when it's getting warm. He always collect that kind. We -- I always collect that kind. And my dad, when his qayaq have little bit of hole, he sew 'em first. I always be with him all the time. I like to go with my dad. He sew 'em and he melt those few -- few little patch. Just enough to use it like as a glue.

KAREN BREWSTER: Mm-hm.

MAY WALTON: He put that kind, it get hard, it stick there. It go through the cloth. And he paint it on top. When he have that paint. And I always tell my -- my grandkids about that one.