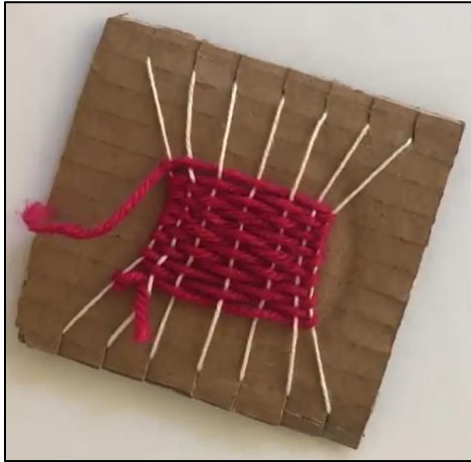


How to Make Your Own Loom & Try Weaving!



Materials:

- a piece of cardboard (4 inches x 4 inches)
- a pencil
- a safe pair of scissors
- a ruler (that shows inches)
- some string (at least 55 inches)
- some yarn

Steps:

- 1) It's time to make your loom! Take your ruler and line it up with one edge of your cardboard square. Using your pencil, make a small mark every $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Repeat this step for the opposite edge of your cardboard square.
- 2) Using your pencil and ruler, connect the small marks that are opposite each other with straight lines. When you're done, your cardboard square will look like it has stripes!
- 3) Take a safe pair of scissors and cut along the lines, making slits about $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch deep. Do this for both edges of your cardboard square.
- 4) Now it's time to thread your loom! Start with one edge of your cardboard square. Take your string and put it through two slits that are opposite each other. Pull the thread around to the other side of the cardboard and tie a knot.

- 5) Wrap the string around your loom, pulling it through all the slits – these vertical threads are called **warp** threads! When you're done, tie the end of your string to one of the warp threads.
- 6) Now it's time to start weaving! Take your yarn and tie one end of it to the warp thread in one corner of your loom. This yarn is your **weft** thread.
- 7) Weave your yarn from one side of your loom to the other, under, over, under, over, under, over your warp threads. Then, weave your way back, over, under, over, under, over, under your warp threads – the second row of weaving will have the opposite pattern of the first. Keep going till you run out of yarn or become tired! When you are done, tie the end of your yarn to one of the warp threads.
- 8) Now it's time to finish off! Flip your cardboard loom over and cut through the middle of all the warp threads.
- 9) Take two warp threads that are beside each other and tie them together, in a knot. Repeat this step for all the loose warp threads.
- 10) Using your scissors, trim the ends of all your warp threads. Congratulations! You're finished!

