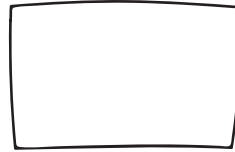


Weaving on a Homemade Loom

Materials:

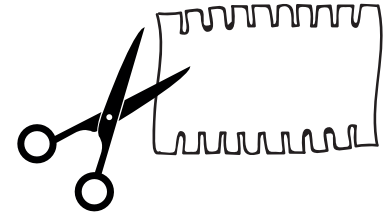
- Cardboard (eg from post or food packaging)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Large needle
- Yarns in different colours and textures

1 - Cutting out your loom



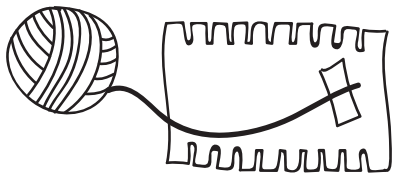
Cut out a rectangular piece of cardboard
(A6 or about the size of your hand)

2



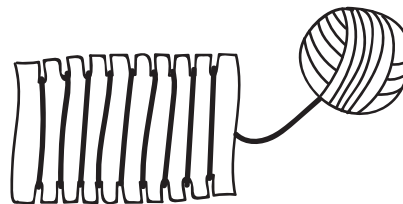
- Mark the top and bottom every 1 / 1.5cm, with an EVEN number of marks
- Cut short slits where you have marked

3 - Prepare your loom for weaving



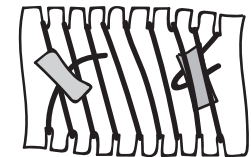
- Take some yarn, string or wool and tape the end on the back of your loom to secure it
- Pull the yarn through the first slit at the top and then the matching one on the bottom

4



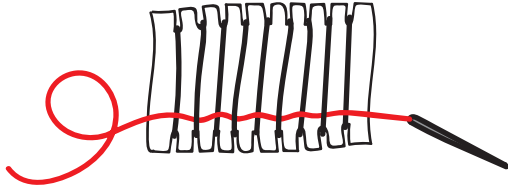
Keep doing this to the end...

5



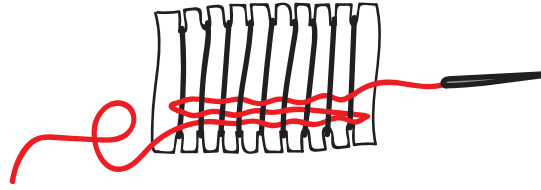
...then tape the end at the back - the front will be straight and the back will be slanted.

6 - Begin weaving



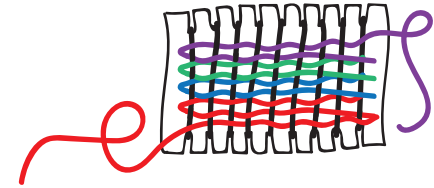
- Thread a large needle with some new yarn
- Leaving a tail at the end, use the needle to weave OVER the first thread on the left and UNDER the next

7



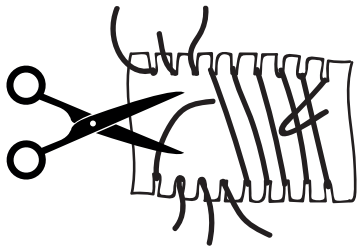
- Keep weaving OVER and UNDER until the end and pull your yarn straight
- Use your fingers to push the yarn down and weave your tail ends in behind the fabric

8



Keep weaving, changing yarns whenever you like

9 - Tying off the ends



- Turn the loom over to see the back
- Cut the yarn threads down the middle
- Knot every 2-3 threads together



What else could you use?

Instead of wool yarn, try:

- Strips of fabric / ribbons
- Strips of paper
- Strips of plastic carrier bags
- Long leaves and grasses

Instead of a cardboard loom with cut edges, try:

- A sink mat with grid holes
- A plastic basket with grid holes
- A baking cooling tray
- Lolly sticks glued into a square frame
- Sticks and branches from the garden