

Weaving Bookmarks

Make a yarn bookmark using basic weaving skills.



Let's Talk About It

How is this cardboard loom different from a loom used in making a rug?

How do the colour and texture of the materials make a weaving different from a painting?

What are the similarities between painting and weaving?

Vocabulary

loom

warp

patterning

weft

shuttle

Materials

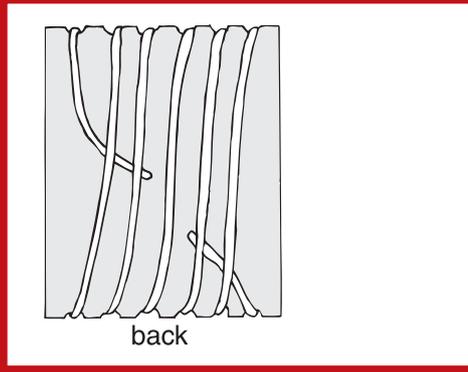
- cardboard loom (see below)
- yarn cut in 2.25 m lengths – two different colours per child
- plastic forks, one per child
- scissors
- metre stick

Project Notes

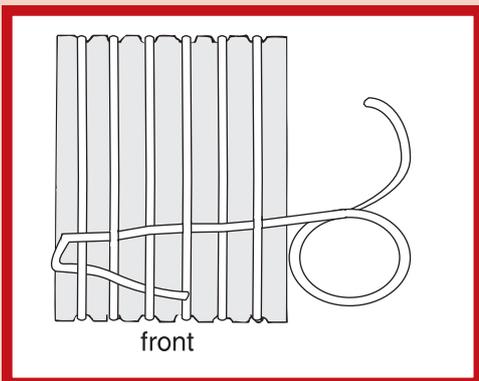
- If possible, show weavings from different cultures. Use this project as a supplement to a geography lesson on different cultures.

Making Cardboard Looms

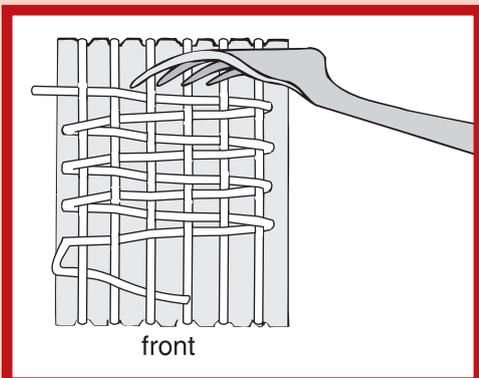
Cut cardboard into 130 x 200 mm looms. Use a pair of scissors to cut at least six 6 mm notches evenly spaced in each end.



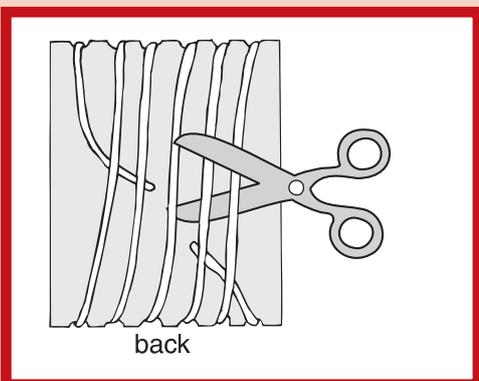
step 2



step 3



step 5



step 7

Steps to Follow

- 1** Tape the metre stick on the table next to the yarn. Let children choose the colours they wish to use. They are to measure the yarn along the measuring stick and cut the pieces into 2.25 m lengths. Use one colour yarn for the warp and another colour for the weft.
- 2** Attach the yarn to the loom by holding the end with one finger about halfway and wrapping from top to bottom, making sure to slide yarn into each notch. Make the tension firm but not rigid. (When the weaving is finished, you may cut this warp string, leaving 50 or 60 mm so it will not unravel.)
- 3** Begin the weaving process by attaching the weft yarn. Start in the middle of the warp and weave the yarn in and out of the warp strings using your finger as the shuttle to carry the yarn.
- 4** Proceed to weave. Work the yarn back and forth through the warp, alternating rows over and under on each new pass.
- 5** After each pass, pack down the yarn gently with the fork.
- 6** When the weaving is complete, weave the last bit of yarn back through the warp, ending in the centre. This keeps the yarn from unraveling without crimping the weaving with a knot.
- 7** To remove the weaving from the loom, turn the loom over and cut the warp strings in the centre. Use a bit of extra yarn to tie the strings together with a knot on each end.