

Weaving Loom

Use the internal fluting of ordinary box card to make a simple weaving loom.

You will need:

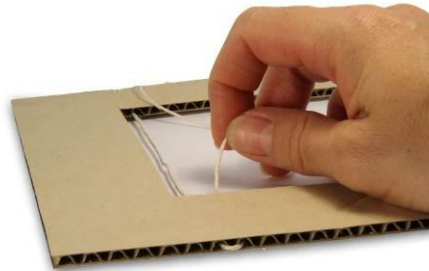
- coloured wool
- sturdy box card
- large, blunt craft needle



Method



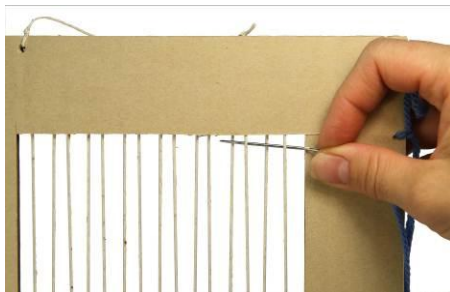
1. Cut a window from the card. The loom pictured measures 20 x 20cm and the window = 12 x 12cm.



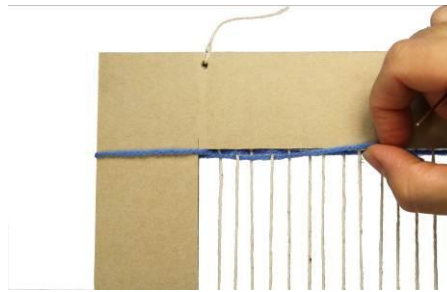
2. Tie one end of a long length of string to the edge of the card. Thread the needle, evenly, through the corrugations.



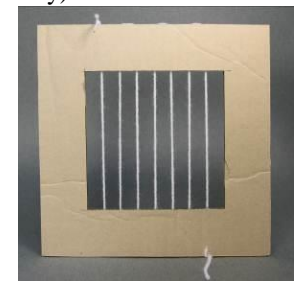
3. Make sure you have an *odd* number of warp threads. ('Warp' threads are the strings that go up and down. 'Weft' go horizontally)



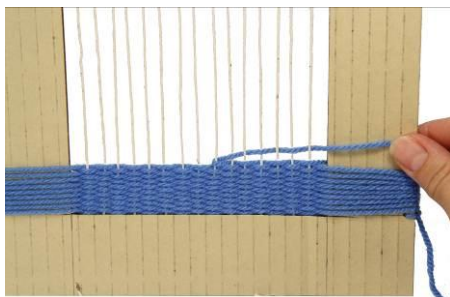
4. Tie a wool thread in the adjacent corner and thread it over and under the warp threads.



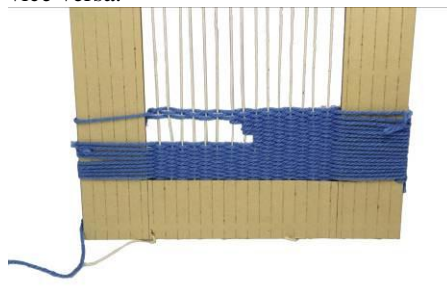
5. When you reach the end, wind the wool around the frame and weave it back again. Make sure you weave under the warps you previously went over – and vice versa.



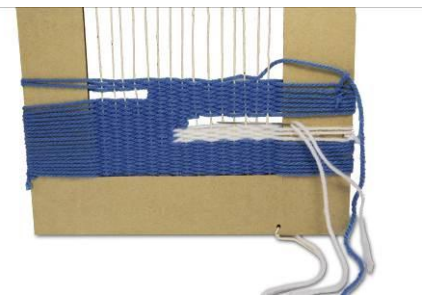
6. For a simpler frame, space the warp threads further apart.



7. To create shapes in the weaving, stop partway and weave it back to the same side.



8. Continue weaving partway until the shape reaches the desired size.



9. Weave another colour of thread back into the open space.



10. Weaving different shapes.



11. Experiment with different kinds of thread such as twine or feather wool.



12. For younger children use a smaller number of warp threads, spaced further apart.



13. Make a frame and glue it to the finished weaving.

