

The Magic of Weaving

Workshop 7: Using a Card Loom to Make a Weaving



Many of us are currently confined at home with our children. Le Korsa and the Albers Foundations would like to offer you a workshop to allow your child to explore the magic of creativity. We are creating a series of new prompts that can be completed using materials you may already have around your home.

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MATERIALS

- Yarn in one or more colors
- Plain thread
- Scissors
- A piece of cardboard, roughly the size of printer paper or smaller

DESCRIPTION

Create a simple card loom from cardboard and thread, then use it to make a small weaving. Several steps may be best done by an adult, but the majority of the weaving can be done by a child.

STEPS

1. With your scissors, cut small slits along the top and bottom edge of the cardboard. Space the slits about a finger width apart.

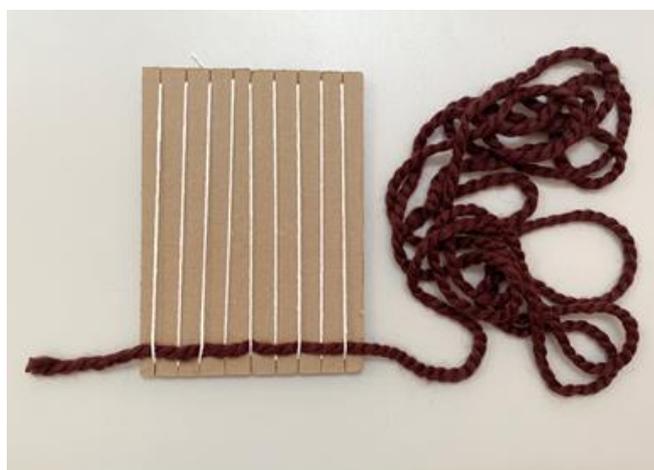


2. Tie a small knot in your plain thread. The thread will be your “warp”, or vertical threads in the weaving. Slide the thread into the first slit along the top and pull it so that the knot is against the cardboard. Stretch the thread to the corresponding slit along the bottom. Slide the thread through the slit, bring it up behind the cardboard and slide

it through the second slit at the top. Continue until the thread has filled all of the slits. Cut the thread and tie another small knot so that it won't slide out of the last slit.



3. Cut about two arm lengths of yarn. The yarn will be the “weft”, or horizontal threads. Using your fingers, weave the end of the yarn through the warp threads. Go over and under every other thread. Pull the yarn through until there's about a finger length left as a tail.



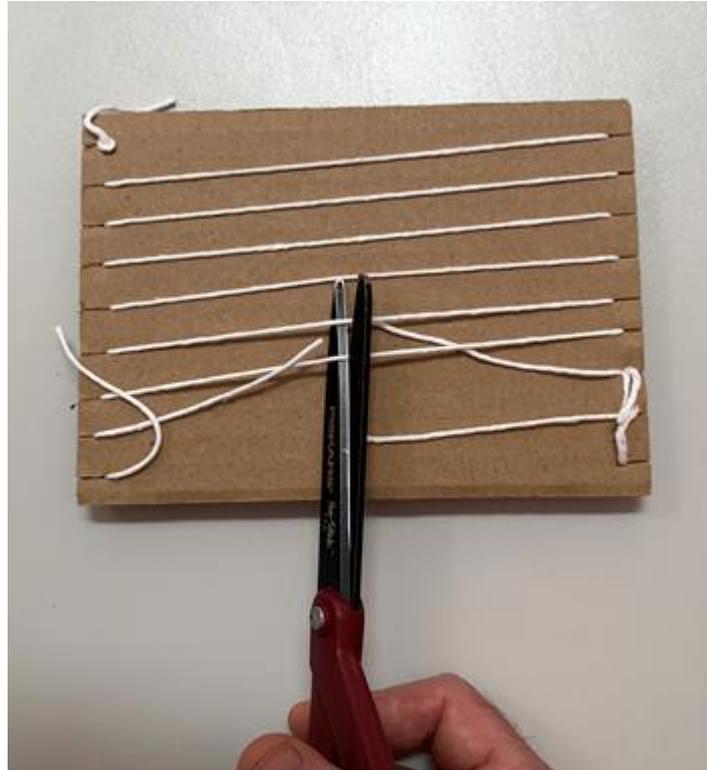
4. With your first row of weft in place, use your fingers to slide the yarn to the bottom of the loom.
5. Take the long end of the yarn and weave it back through the warp. Be sure that you are weaving in the opposite pattern from your first pass. (All of the threads you went under on the first pass, you should go over on the second, and vice versa.) Again, use your fingers to slide the yarn down on top of the first line of weft.



6. Repeat this process, going back and forth with the yarn until the loom is full. If you run out of yarn, simply cut another length and continue as you did at the beginning.



7. When the loom is full, cut your yarn leaving another short tail. If you'd like you can weave the tails at the top and bottom back into the warp.



8. To finish, turn the loom over and cut the warp threads in the middle. They will still be held in place by the slits.
9. Turn the loom over again. Slide two warp threads at a time out of the slits and tie them together. Repeat this across the top and bottom so that all of the warp threads are secure and holding the weaving together.



10. Trim the warp threads and any other stray yarn. Congratulations on creating a weaving! If you want, try again, maybe with a different color, or more than one color!

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