

# Yarn weaving



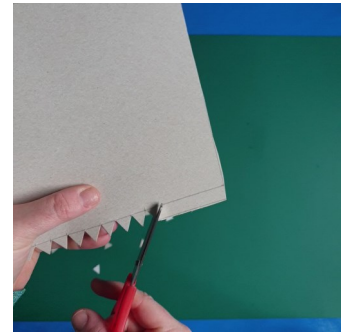
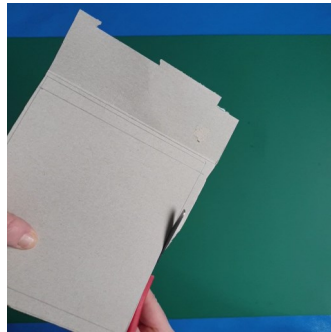
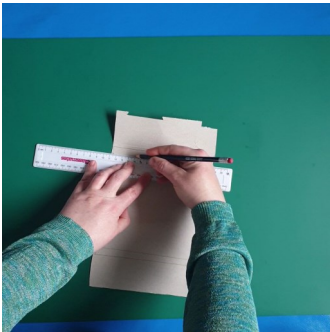
## You will need:

- Card (a cereal box is ideal)
- Yarn
- Scissors, pencil, ruler
- A blunt metal or plastic needle (this is optional, you could use your hands to feed the yarn through instead)

## Create a card loom

Measure out a rectangle 15cm x 17cm on your card. Mark lines at 1cm from the top and bottom. Cut around the **OUTSIDE** lines.

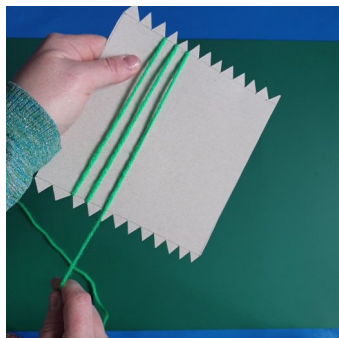
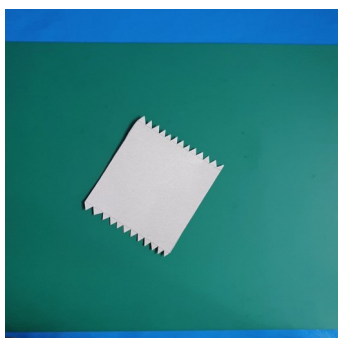
Use the 1cm guides to make zig zag teeth that will hold your **WARP** threads in place.



## Add warp threads

Hold the end of one ball of yarn at the back of the card loom. Starting from the left, wrap the yarn around the cardboard a few times, being sure to catch it in each notch at the top and bottom. After going through the last notch, tie the ends of the string in a knot. You can make as many threads across as you want. We recommend beginning with 4 or 5.

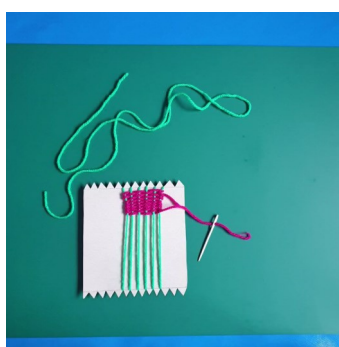
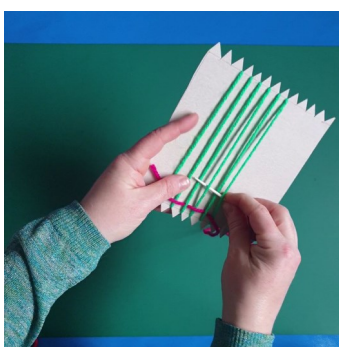
These threads are called the **WARP**.



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## Weaving

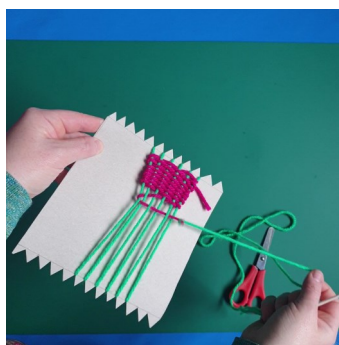
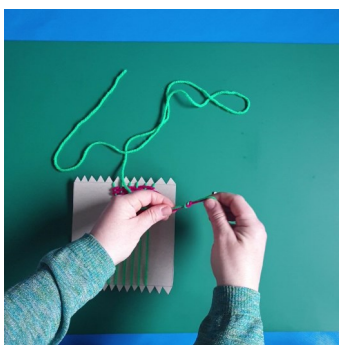
Cut a length of yarn no longer than your arm. Tie one end to the bottom corner warp thread. Starting from this knot, weave the yarn into the warp threads by going under then over them. Try to push the yarn down to the bottom of the loom evenly. These threads across are called the WEFT. If you have a plastic needle you can use it to help pass the weft threads over and under the warp threads.



## Continue to weave, adding rows of weft thread

For the second row go back in the other direction, but weave over then under the strings. Pull the yarn completely through, but not too tightly. Push the yarn down to meet the previous row. Continue weaving back and forth, alternating the rows under then over and over then under, for the entire length of the card loom. Try to make your edges, also known as selvedge's, straight and even.

If you want to add new colours tie one yarn on to the next with a simple knot.

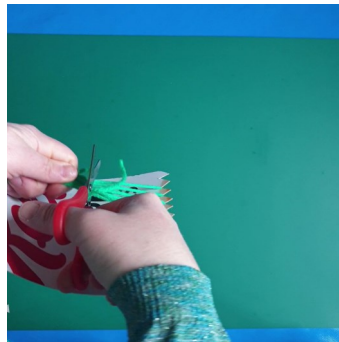


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## Finishing off

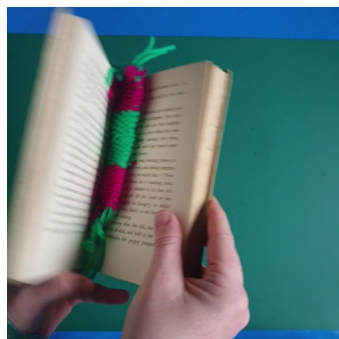
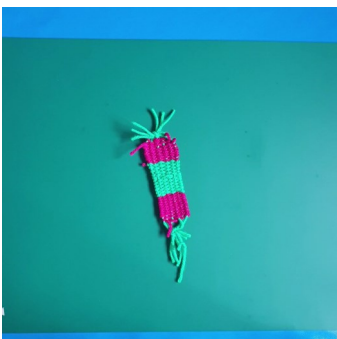
Tie the last weft thread on to the top corner warp thread and trim the end.

Cut the warp threads on the back of loom in the middle



Tie ends together.

Congratulations, you have created your own piece of weaving.



## Ideas for getting creative

How many colours can you use?

As you weave could you thread beads on to your weft threads?