

YOUTH FIBER ART GUILD

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WEAVING



To start, dress your loom with WARP. Warp are the threads on your loom that you weave in and out of.

To dress your loom use the packaged yarn provided.



Wrap the yarn around in circles, moving over a notch every time around.

Make sure to leave a little slack at the beginning so you can tie it to the end when you're finished.



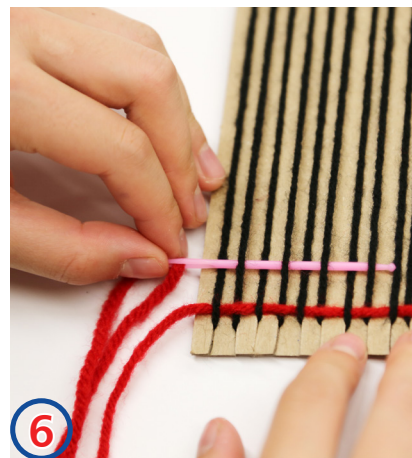
Once there's a thread in each notch, tie the ends together multiple times on the backside. The threads should be nicely taut and not droopy.



Now you're ready to add WEFT. Weft is the yarn that you use to weave with. Choose a color of yarn. Thread this yarn through your needle.



Starting on either side, go over, under, over, under, and repeat until you get to the other side. Don't worry about the tail end of your string – let it hang off the end by an inch or two. Once you're to the other side, push the thread all the way down to the bottom.



Working back the opposite direction, weave the opposite of what was done. If you went over a warp thread, go under it. If you went under a warp thread, go over it. Continue weaving over, under, over, under until you reach the other side. Pack your weft down.



Repeat until you're finished with that color. Be careful to watch your TENSION. If your warp threads are being pulled in, loosen your weft.

To end a weft thread simply cut it, leaving a tail, and start a new color.



To end your weaving, cut the threads in the middle on the backside. Tie your warp threads together in bundles of 2-3 threads. Carefully trim all remaining tails.

Voila! You can now use your weaving as a coaster, bookmark, and more!

For more information and for video tutorials please go to youthfiberart.org!

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