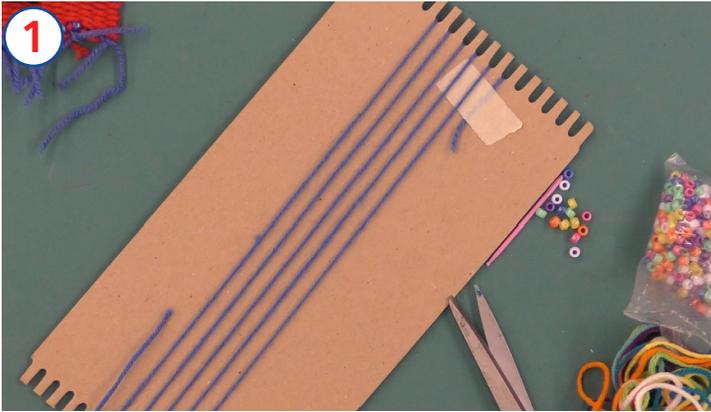
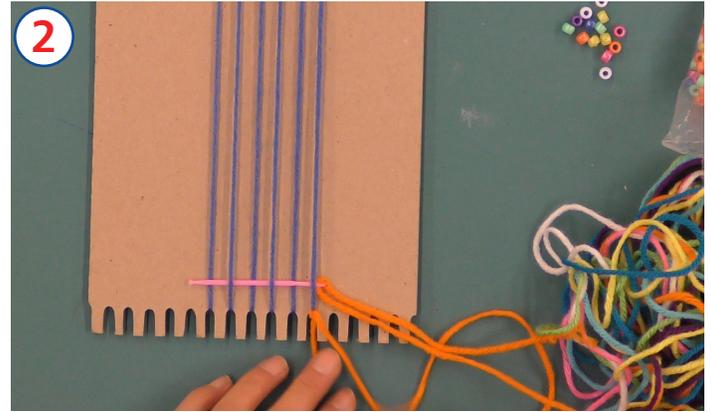


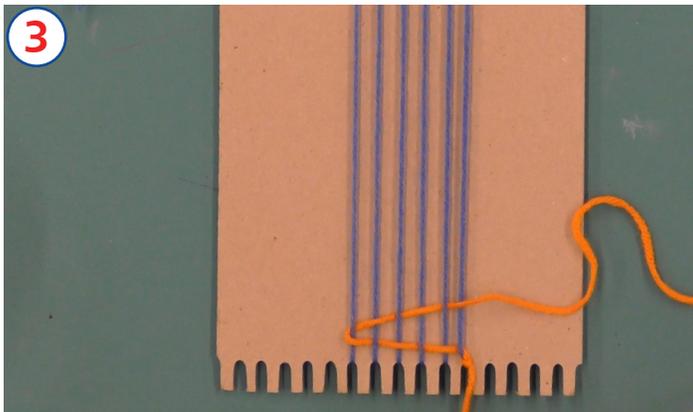
WEAVING WITH BEADS



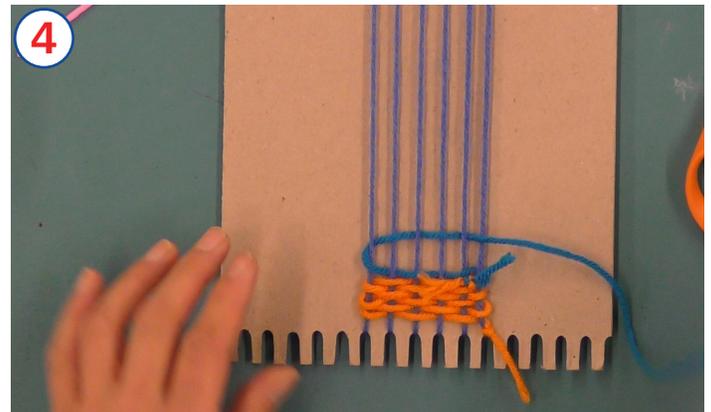
Warp your loom – this is the vertical thread on weaving looms, which provides the structure for the thread you will weave in later, called the weft. In your kit, find the longer section of yarn and use this for your warp. In these instructions, the warp yarn is blue. Tape one end of your yarn to the cardboard loom. This will hold your yarn in place as you wrap the yarn around the loom, threading through the teeth on each end of it so you have parallel, vertical threads of yarn. Be sure to keep your warp pulled tight as you wrap it, but not too tight – this is called tension. When you are done, cut and tape the other end of the yarn to the loom.



Begin weaving. Thread a piece of yarn on your needle – pull a portion through the eye of the needle and push your needle through your warp strings in an over-under pattern. When pulling the yarn through the loom, be sure not to pull the yarn all the way through. Leave a tail on the side you started, and knot it to the blue warp thread.



Add a second layer – notice whether you finished your first layer “under” the warp or “over” – begin your second layer in the opposite direction and on the opposite side of the warp. If you finished going right to left, and your thread is ending under the warp, then begin the next layer going left to right, beginning over the warp. Continue your over-under motion, pulling the yarn through the loom. Be careful not to pull too tightly, or your weaving will shrink. Push your new layer of yarn down to meet the first one.

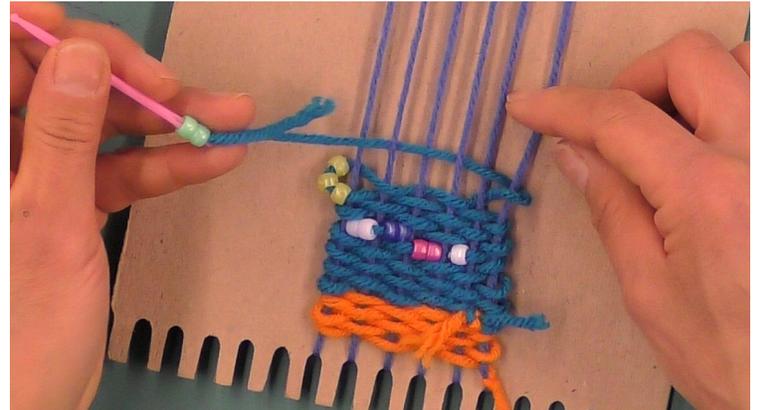
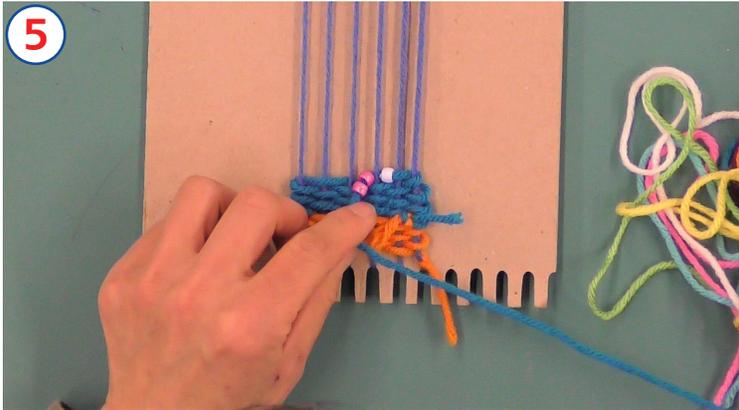


Continue this method until you run out of yarn, or you would like to switch colors. Leave a few inches of yarn before switching. Choose a new color of yarn, and knot the two pieces together. Thread your needle with the new piece, and continue your over-under motion.

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Add beads to your weaving. When you start a new row of yarn, add a bead or two to your needle and thread them on to your yarn, then continue weaving the yarn over and under – you can add a bead in between your “over” and “under” position at any point in the weaving, as long as you continue weaving into the warp threads. Once you are comfortable with adding beads, try different designs! You can add many beads at once, or even fill your loom with beads, and skipping the plain yarn altogether. If you end up doing something you don’t like, you can always pull the yarn out and start over.



When you are happy with your weaving, or you run out of room on your loom, flip over the cardboard and cut your warp strings in the middle of the board. On the top and bottom of your weaving, knot the loose ends together two at a time – if you have an extra thread leftover, simply knot it to the group of strings next to it. If you like, you can leave the ends of the yarn long to create tassels on the top or bottom of your weaving, and you can even tie beads to the tassels for a decorative touch.

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