

Make @ Home: Cardboard Weaving

Create your own loom and weave at home! Try experimenting with different weaving materials and patterns.

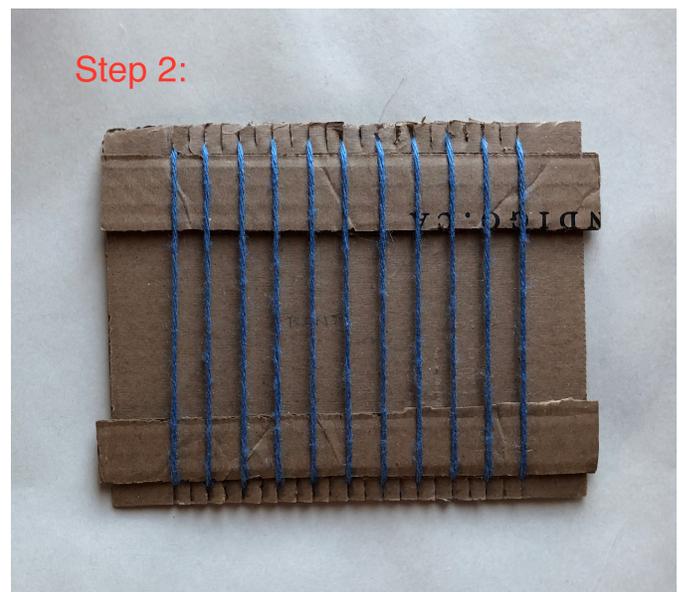
Materials:

- Yarn, scrap fabric, other weaving materials
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Tape

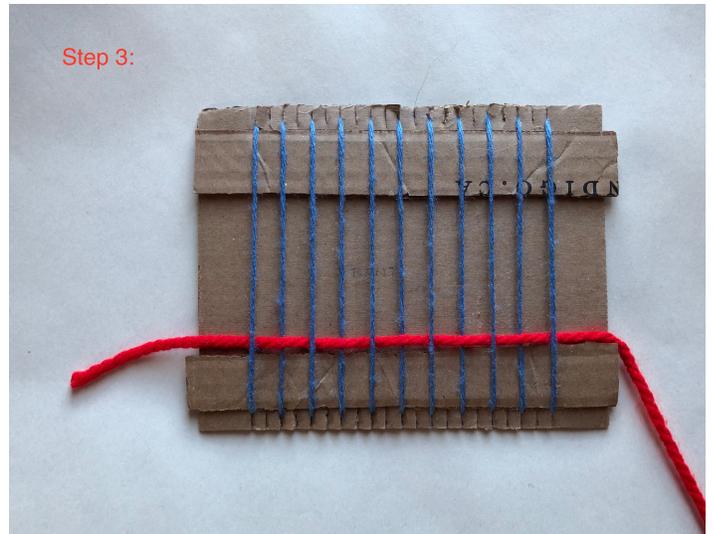
1. To start, you will need to make a cardboard loom. Along the top and bottom of a piece of cardboard, measure and mark every half-centimeter. Leave 2 cm on both sides. Cut each line that you have marked about half a cm deep. Make sure that you have an odd number of slots.



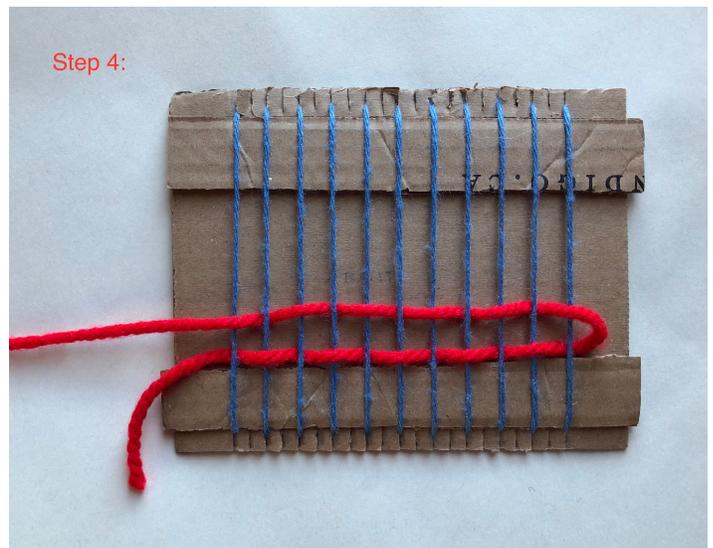
2. Once you have made the cardboard loom you will need to warp the loom. Starting at the top, place a piece of yarn in the first slot. Leave a tail of 4-5 cm and tape to the back of the cardboard. Bring the yarn down to the corresponding bottom slot. Bring the yarn around the back of the loom and then insert into the next top slot. Repeat this process until the whole loom is warped.



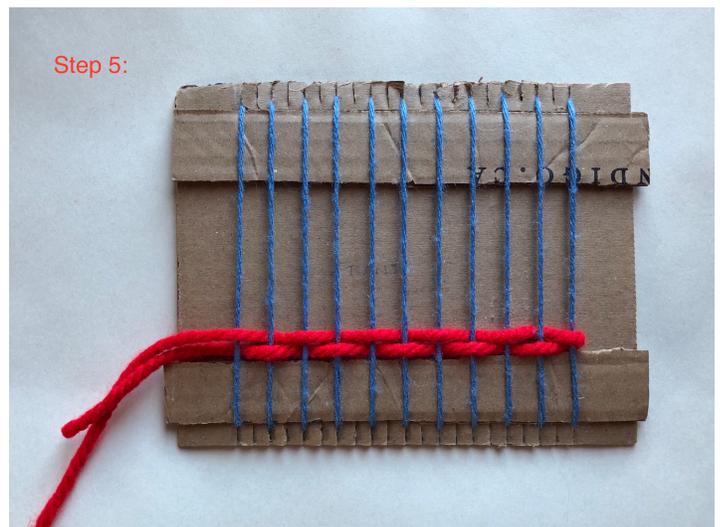
3. Using any kind of yarn, cut about 1-2 arms length to weave with. Weave the yarn in an over-under-over-under pattern through the warp strings. You have now completed one row.



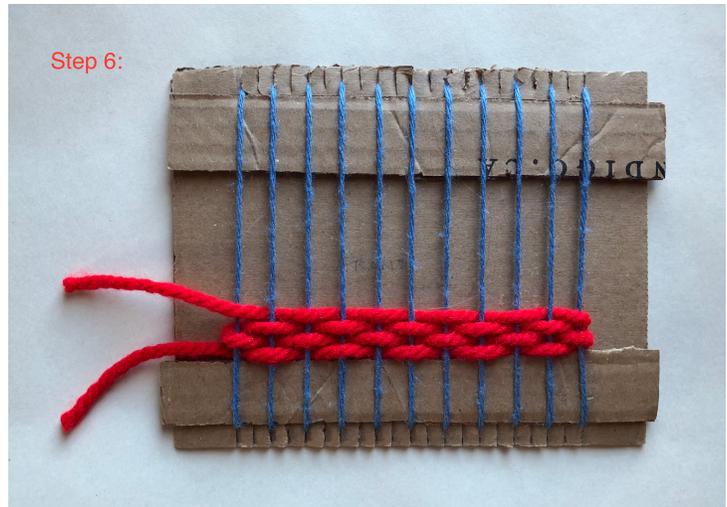
4. For the next row you will repeat the same process but in the opposite order. Instead of weaving over-under, you will weave under-over.



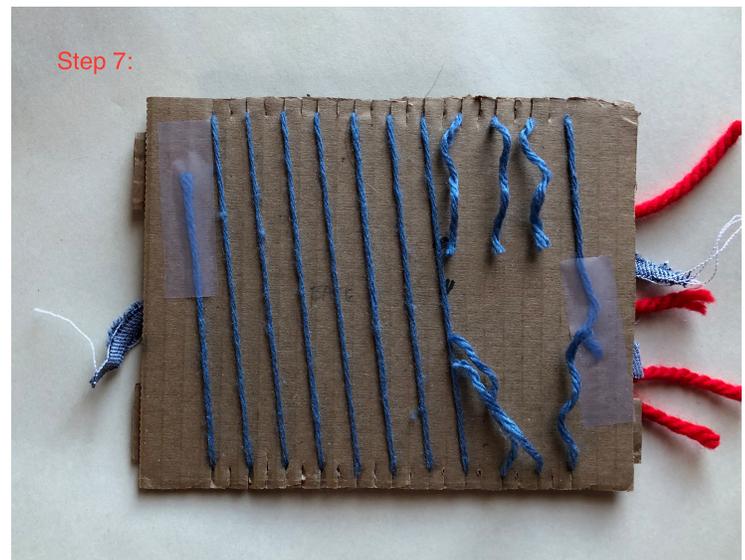
5. When you finish the row, pack down the rows. Continue weaving.



6. If you want to change colours or weaving materials finish the row you are working on and leave a tail of about 5 cm on the side that you finish. Start a new row weaving the opposite pattern of the previous row.



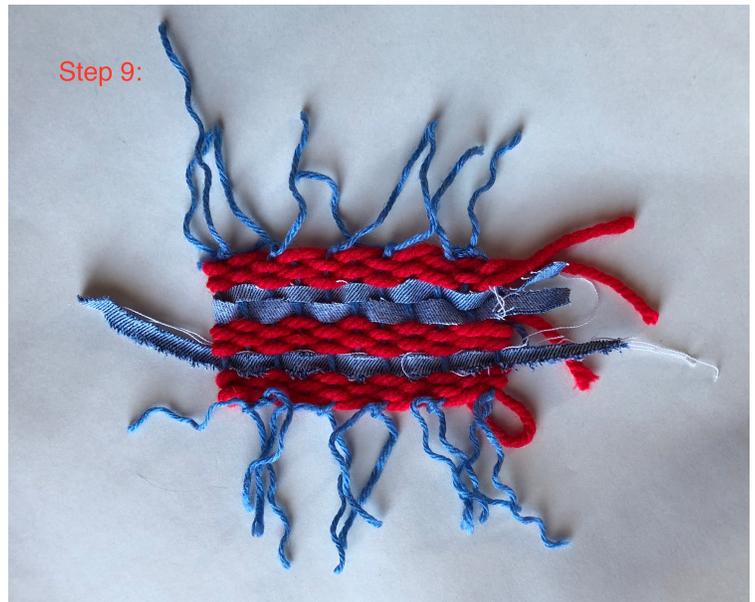
7. When you are finished weaving, turn the loom over to the back and cut the warp strings in the middle.



8. Removing two of the warp strings from the slots two at a time, tie together to ensure your weaving doesn't fall apart. Repeat until all warp strings are tied off.



9. To finish your weaving tuck in the tails on the back of the weaving and trim the tied off warp strings if desired.



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