

3rd-8th Grade

Woven Coaster Craft

On Wednesday at 10am, we will be posting a video explaining how to do the craft. You can find the video on our website under the kid's tab or on our Facebook page.

Library website: parkwoodlib.com



Supplies provided by the library:

Prepared 5x7inch piece of cardboard

Three colors of yarn:

1@7yds, 4@2yds each

1 hair pin

Other supplies needed: You will also need scissors, 2 pieces of tape and a fork.



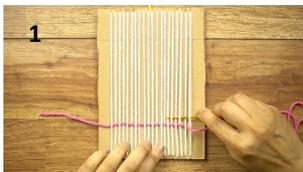
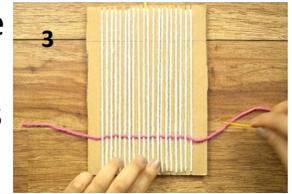
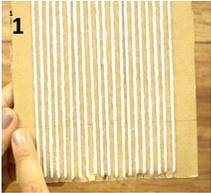
Warp the loom—The top of your loom should have two lines drawn across it, as in picture 1.

Using the largest the largest bundle of yarn, insert it into the first notch, and tape to the back of your loom—picture 2. Wrap yarn around front of loom, insert in bottom notch. Continue to wrap yarn around loom, securing it in each notch as you go.

You should finish with the end of the yarn on the back of the loom. Tape it down as you did with the beginning—picture 3.



You should have two bundles of two different colors of yarn—these are the **weft** with which you will weave. Loop one strand through your hairpin. Note on the front of your loom the lines across the bottom and top of the cardboard; these lines are where you will begin and end your weaving. Using the bobby pin as a needle, begin weaving at the bottom line (2), weaving under, then over...under then over...until you get to the other side. When you reach the end, pull yarn through until you have about 4 inches hanging over the edge (3).



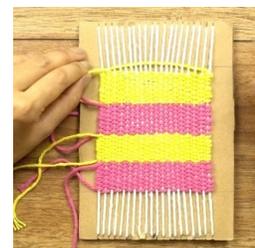
Now weave your way back—under over, under over (1). As you weave, try to pull the yarn through in an arc (2).

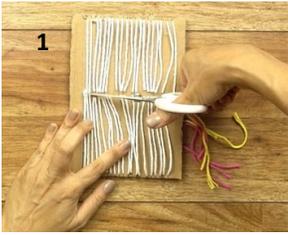
Take a fork and use the tines to push the arc down to meet the first row. This is called "beating down" the thread.



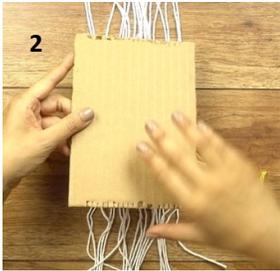
Keep weaving (remember to make an arc & "beat down" with your fork) until you have about 6 inches of yarn left; let it hang over the edge just as you did at the beginning.

Take a new strand of yarn, either a new color or the same color, thread through the hairpin, and weave again just as you did at the beginning. Continue with all four strands of yarn; you should end up at the line drawn across the top of your cardboard





Remove from loom & finish— turn your loom over to the back. Remove the two pieces of tape. Cut through the warp yarns at the middle of the loom **(1)**. Carefully remove all the threads from the notches in the cardboard **(2)**.



Your coaster should be on your table back side up. Carefully knot each tail as close to the weaving as possible, then carefully cut the tail close to the knot.



Finish— taking two warp yarns at a time, tie them twice into a knot. Once all yarns have been knotted, trim them to the desired length to make a fringe.

