

# Simple Weaving

Make a coaster!

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# Make the Loom

A loom holds the threads in place. It makes a frame which you can weave on. You can make a simple loom out of a piece of cardboard

Cut out a rectangle of card.  
Then make notches on two opposite sides of the card.

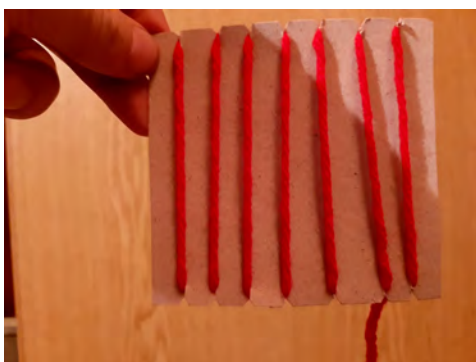
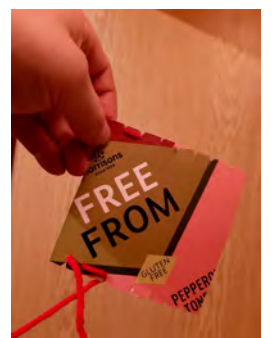
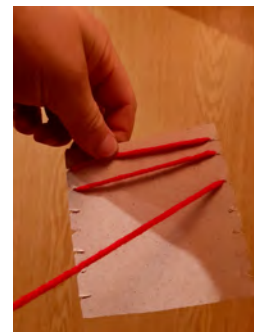
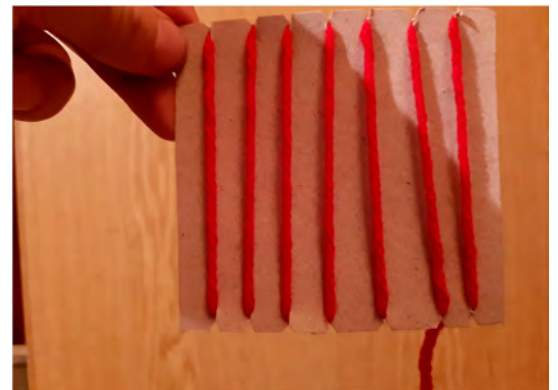
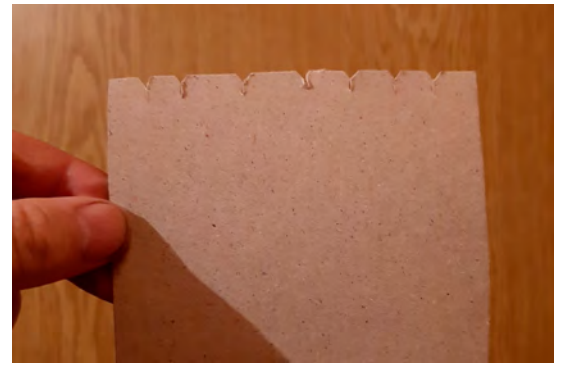
- Start by cutting a notch in the middle of the edge
- cut the 2nd notch half way between the first notch and a corner
- Keep cutting notches in the middle until you have enough notches
- Do the same on the opposite side of the card
- *You could also measure the distances with a ruler!*

Tuck the end of your wool into the first notch. Lay it across the card and move down to the first notch on the opposite edge.

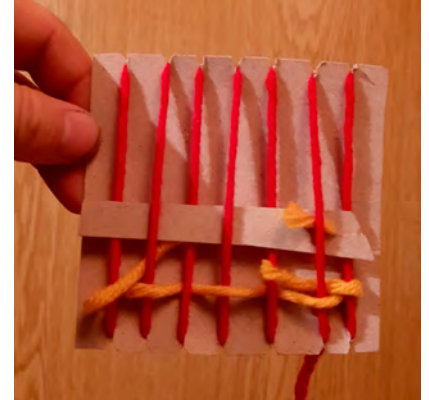
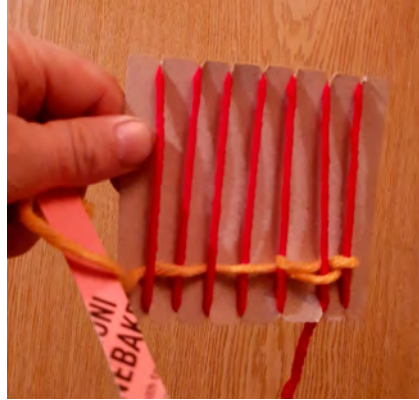
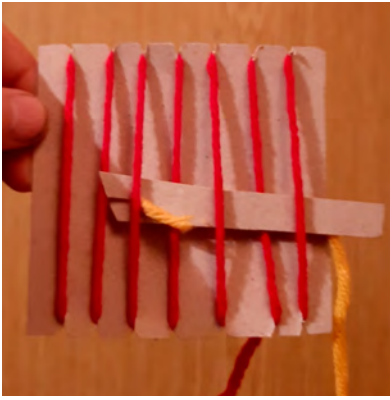
Turn the card over and move along to the next notch. Tuck the wool in and through to the other side.

Keep going until you have lots of lines of wool

The lines should never meet (parallel)  
This is called the "Warp"





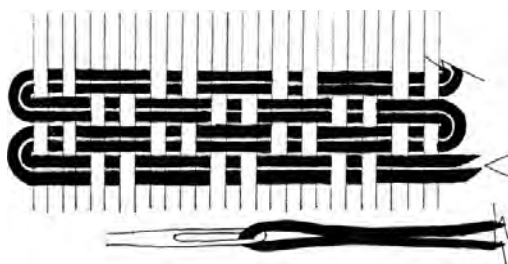


I cut a "shuttle" out of cardboard to help me. If you weave it like in the photos then turn it on its edge it will "pick up" the threads to make a path for your weft. You could also use it like a needle.

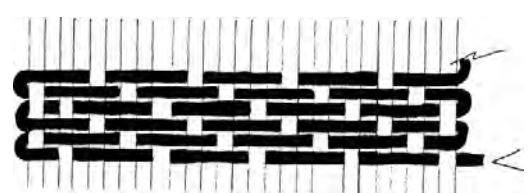
- Start by going under one of the warp threads
- Then over the next
- Then under the next one, "weaving in and out"
- *(like you were running between parking cones).*
- When you get to the edge, turn round and start weaving back the way you came.
- Keep going until the whole card is covered!



- There are lots of ways you can change the pattern you are weaving.
- You could use two woollen threads to weave with
- Instead of going over one and under the next you could go over two warp threads and then under the next two.



Weaving with two threads  
Why not try different colours?



Going over 2 under 2  
instead of over 1 under 1  
gives a different pattern



### Unhook your weaving from the card

- Starting with the edge opposite the end loop gently pull the free end or the warp wool.
- This will mean that the loop gets smaller until it disappears
- Then do the same with the next loop
- you should end up with no loose edges, and two long pieces of warp thread



Now you should have a wee mat for a cup or mug.

A big loom will take longer!  
You could also sew lots of these small mats together to make a patchwork - or even clothes.



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