MATERIALS

CARDBOARD
RULER OR RULED PAPER
SCISSORS
TAPE
TOOTHPICK
ASSORTED STRING:
YARN
RIBBON
TWINE
PLASTIC BAGS
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DIRECTIONS

1. Start by creating your loom. Cut cardboard into a rectangle. Make a line of equally spaced dots on two opposite edges, about a 1/2 inch apart. Cut 1/2 inch slits into the cardboard at each dot.

2. Prepare your loom with the warp thread. Cut a length of string (~3ft). Tape one end of the string to the back of the loom. Wrap the string around the loom and through the slits. Tape the other end to the back and trim excess string.
3. Cut a new length of yarn (2-3ft) for your **weft** string. Tape one end to a toothpick, so it can act as a needle. Start weaving the toothpick through the **warp** string, over and under. When you get to the end of the first row, pull your yarn through and tie the end to the first warp string.

4. When you reach the edge loop the string back and weave it over and under in the opposite arrangement as the row before. As you weave, consider tying on different types of string to change the color and texture. When finished, cut the **warp** string on the back of the loom and tie or braid the ends together.

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**FOR TEACHERS:**

**KEY TERMS**

**WARP**— The yarn or fiber which is held taut by the loom.

**WEFT**— The yarn or fiber which is woven over and under the warp.

**LOOM**— A frame or machine used to weave cloth. The basic purpose of a loom is to hold the warp threads tight, so the weft threads can be woven through at a right angle.

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