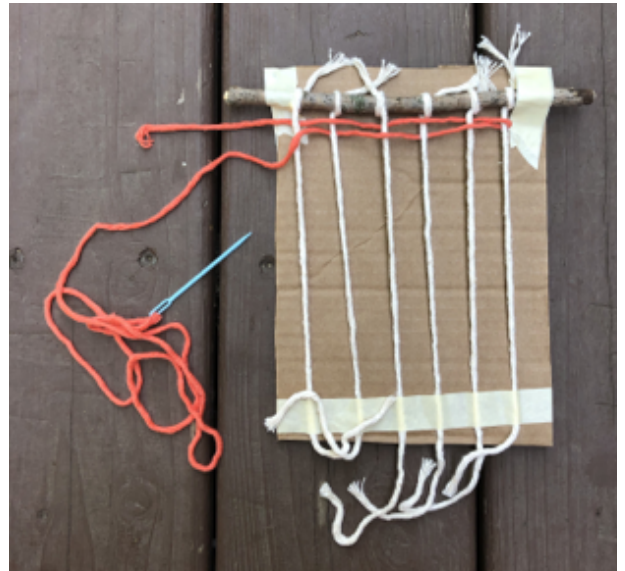


# Yarn Weaving

Materials Needed: yarn, plastic needle, masking tape, stick, cardboard or hard surface

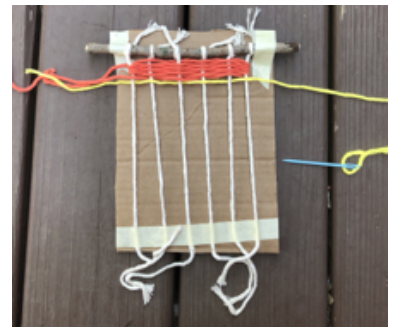
Making Your Loom:

1. Find a straight-ish stick, about 6 inches long (or 4 inches for a mini one).
2. Cut 6 pieces of yarn, each about 1 foot long.
3. Tie one end of each piece of yarn to the stick, starting about 1 inch from the edge of the stick. Place them about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch apart from each other (space them **evenly throughout the stick**, leaving about 1 inch on each end).
4. Tape your stick down to the top of a piece of cardboard or a hard surface on **both ends** of the stick.
5. **Straighten** the yarn pieces so that the strings fall straight down from the stick and tape each piece down on the cardboard evenly with a piece of masking tape (about 5 inches down from the stick).



Weaving:

6. Pick your first color, cut a piece of yarn at least 2 feet long. Thread the yarn through the needle and tie a knot at the top of the needle.
7. Slide the needle under the first thread of your loom, then over the next thread, then under the next, etc... (**over-under pattern** until you get to the end.) Then turn around and go the other directions until you run out of string or get as many rows as you want of that color. **Make sure you don't pull too hard.**
8. When you're done with a color, push the rows of the string up **carefully** so it's snug. Cut the string, leaving **at least 2-3 inches** at the end (always end at the side of the loom).
9. For changing colors repeat steps 6-8. Keep going until you've filled your loom.



Finishing Your Weaving:

10. Carefully pull the first 2 strings off the tape on the bottom. Tie these two together in a double knot (**don't pull too tight**). Do the same for the rest of the strings, tying 2 together at a time until **all** the strings are double-knotted.
11. Trim the bottom strings to a desired length (about 1 inch).
12. You'll have a few strings hanging off the sides of your weaving. Tie strings that are next to each other together in double knots. If there's a free standing, tie to one nearby or knot the string to itself close to the weaving.
13. Once all strings are knotted, trim the strings and use masking tape to hold strings to the back of the weaving so they don't fall to the front.
14. Add a hook to the top if you want. Cut a piece of yarn about 8-10 inches long, tie to the top stick on each end with double knots, and trim if necessary.

