

Weaving Project



The Pilgrims brought their weaving techniques from England to America and primarily wove fabrics using hand looms and wool from their own sheep. They produced items such as blankets and garments for everyday use.

Pilgrim weaving is now recognized as a distinct style, characterized by its use of bold colors and geometric patterns. These handwoven textiles are highly coveted for their beauty and superior quality, making them valuable pieces in both historical and contemporary contexts.

For our handicraft lesson, we will create a cardboard loom and try our hand at weaving.

Supplies needed:

- Yarns (in your favorite colors)
- Popsicle/craft sticks (3)
- X-acto knife
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Dry twig

Directions:

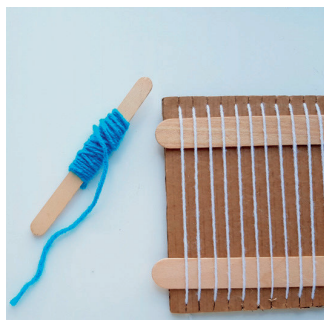
1. Determine the size of the weaving project you want and cut out a piece of cardboard, keeping an extra 1 inch on all sides. Use a ruler and pencil to measure and mark points at every cm gap, on 2 opposite sides of the cardboard piece. Use an x-acto knife to cut 1 cm slits on each marked points.
2. Grab a skein of yarn and draw the yarn through a slit on any one side. Keep 3 inches of extra yarn on the open end.
3. Draw the yarn towards the opposite slit and push it through that slit.
4. Draw the yarn to the back side and then bringing it to the front through the opposite slit again. We are simply wrapping the yarn around the cardboard piece through the slits to keep the weaving nice and even.
5. Continue to wrap the yarn until all slits are filled. Place 2 popsicle sticks between the yarn wrapping and the cardboard. Push the 2 popsicle sticks towards the closed ends.
6. On a small popsicle stick wrap some colorful yarn. We will be using this small popsicle as a needle to weave the wrapped yarn.
7. Let's start the weaving. Draw the popsicle over and under the base yarn to weave.
8. Draw the popsicle all the way out but keeping 3 inches extra yarn on the opposite end.
9. Now draw the popsicle yarn over and under again from its current position and bringing it towards the opposite side. But this time weave over and under by starting from the previous or next yarn strand for the current layer.
10. Continue to weave over and under until you're satisfied with the width of the current yarn.



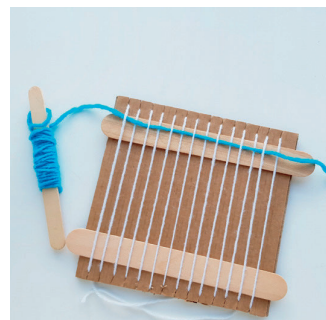
2



4



6

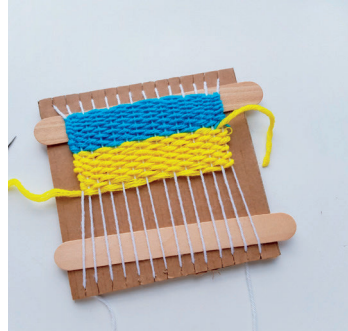


8

11. Done weaving with the current yarn? Draw the open end of the current yarn through the loops on the side and cut off extra.
12. Select a different colored yarn and start weaving.
13. Change yarn color as many times as you want to.
14. Draw the open ends of the woven yarns through the side loops. Cut off extra yarn after draw them through the loops.
15. Turn the woven cardboard to the other (wrong) side. Use scissors to cut the yarns along the middle.
16. Bring the woven piece out from the cardboard loom.
17. Grab 2 strands from either sides and tie 2 knots with them. Grab the next 2 strands and similarly tie knots. Continue to tie knots using 2 strands until reaching the other end. The weaving will be secured at this end.
18. Take the dry twig and place it on the other (open) end of the woven piece (placing a strand over and the next one under).
19. Tie a knot around the twig with 2 strands next to each other. Continue to tie knots around the twig with 2 adjacent strands.
20. If desired, you can secure the open ends of the yarn with clear tape behind the twig to be flat with the woven piece. And done!



11



12



13



14



15



16



18



20