

**Step 1:**

Cut down the middle of the last tabs on both ends.

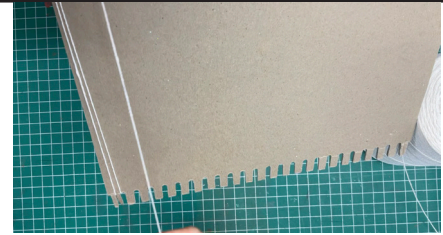


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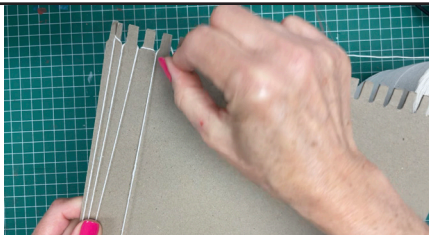
Using your cotton string leave a tail halfway down go up, over the new notch down to the new notch in the same location at the bottom and back up again. Tape the tail to the board.



When you come back up you will start to move your thread in this way. Around back of tab, and down.



The next time you come up you will go next to the string where you came down and this time go around the front of the next tab then down. down, up the back, around the next tab at the top going the opposite way. If you went around back the last time, you will be going around front, then back down around your board and continue until board is strung.



Alternate the top tabs. You are going around them not looping over the board. You are just going around the down and up the bottom tabs. \*If you need more info please refer to video.



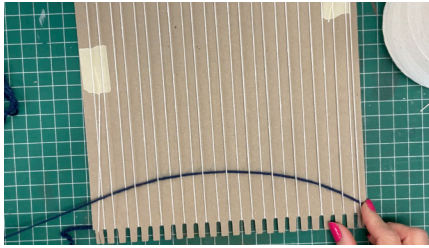
After looping around the last notch go halfway down, cut the string and tape it to the board.



This is what the top of the loop will look like when you are done.



This is what the bottom of your loom will look like when you are finished.



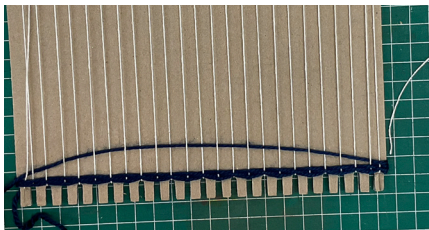
**Basic Weave Pattern Step 1:**

Using the over under method you will weave your needle across the board. When you reach the opposite side you will pull your string through at an angle. Pull until you are left with a tail. Place your finger on the tail end and pull the other end of the yarn to form a curve. Using your fingers push this curve down tightly into the bottom.



**Step 2:**

Notice your last move on the end of the board. If you finished with over then you will start with under when you flip your board over to continue your weave.



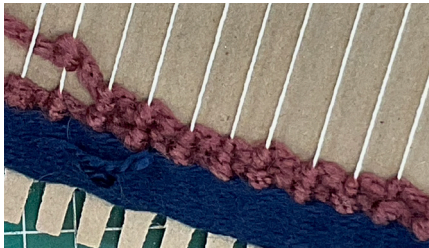
**Step 3:**

Each time you weave through your row take the yarn at an angle then pull into a curve.



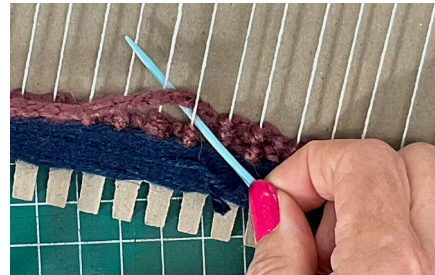
**Step 4:**

Tighten down with your fingers. Continue to rotate your board, pull through in a curve and tighten down with your fingers. Make sure it is tight. If it is too loose your bag will not hold much.

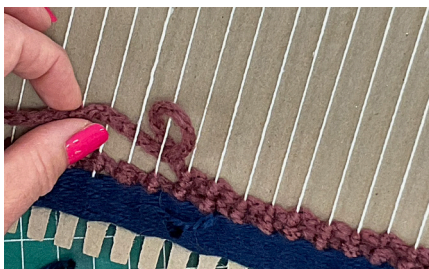


**Fancy Weave 1**

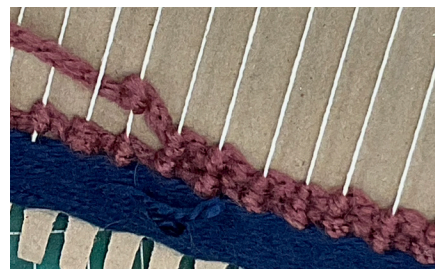
Start this on an end. You will basically loop around your first string. As you loop around take your needle back under the string.



As you continue, you can take your needle under 2 strings so your yarn will go behind the yarn around the front and under then behind the next string.



You will form a loop when you do this. Continue this with each string. (Note: This is a bit more tedious but has beautiful texture when complete.)

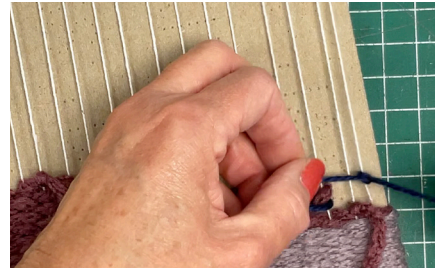


Here is a close up of how the yarn will look. Make sure after your row is complete to push down tightly.

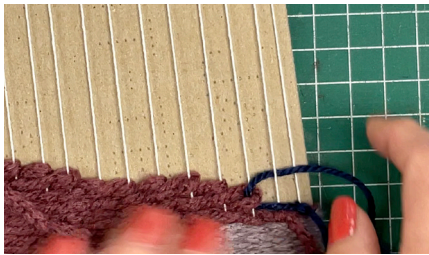


**Interlocking two colors for a pattern**

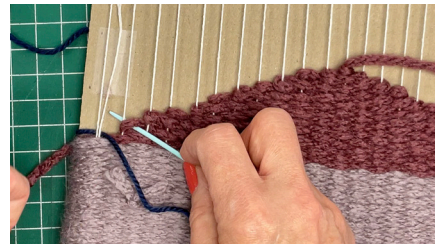
Weave with one color. The above pattern focuses on one large shape and was woven one side at a time. Skipping end warp strings as the woven string stretched across.



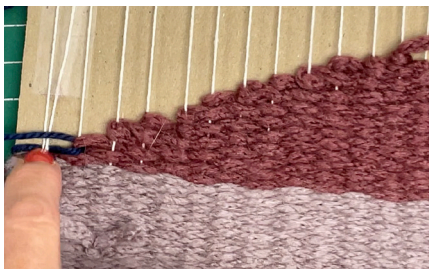
To connect the second color start at the end string. You can tie it in a knot or leave it loose to secure in the end. Start to weave across to the other color.



When you reach the first color you will be going through the loop of the first color. If you should be weaving behind that warp string you will come up through the loop and move back under the warp string that you just came from and continue to weave back to the side you started from.



When you get to the edge you will flip your loom over and go to the color and weave through the loop of yarn. *\*If you need to go behind the warp string 1st then you will be coming through your yarn loop from behind. If you need to go over the warp string you will go through the loop from the front. \**



After going through the loop you will go back toward the edge and flip the loom over to continue your weave on the other side. Continue to do this until you have looped all of the yarn up to the top of your design.



When you reach the top of your design continue your weave clear across your loom and flip it to the other side to continue.



Now you will start to weave downward to connect into your first color loops. *(You can also tie off your yarn and just start the other side the same way you started the first.)*

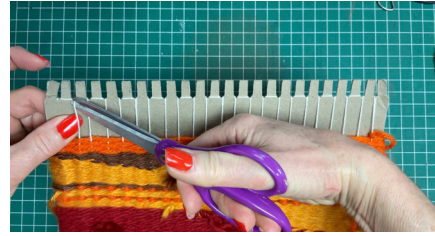


If you are weaving down this is how you will finish off the yarn so you can continue a straight weave above the design. You will take your needle and come back up through your woven yarn on your end warp string then continue your weave across. *(see next photo)*



**Getting it off the loom**

Stop weaving at about 1.5" from the top. Tie off your end string and leave a tail we will use a crochet needle to pull it through your woven bag to secure it.



**Step 2:**

Start cutting your strings as close to the top as you can. Cut them one side at a time.



**Step 3:**

Once you have cut your strings on one side you will start to tie two neighboring strings in a square knot starting on one end. (Note: If you have 3 left wait and tie the last one to the other side's end piece.)



**Step 4:**

How to make a square knot:  
Right over left and left over right.



**Step:**

When you are finished with the first side flip it and do the same to the other side. Gently wiggle your bag off of the board. (Remember to loosen the tape from your warp strings.)



Go back over all of your loose ends and tie them in a square knot or use a crochet needle to tuck them through your bag to hide them.



Trim your tied warp strings at the top of your bag.



Carefully flip your bag inside out.



**Finishing the edge**

Using a piece of yarn to match the top color you will do an over hand stitch all the way around the edge. When you start pull through your first bit of yarn and leave about a 3” end piece that you will sew back into the edge as you finish up.



Make sure that your stitches are close together to hide any warp string.



Here is what your edge should start to look like.



**Finishing off your edge.**

When you have gone around the perimeter of the bag and are back to where you started you will stitch over the tail that you left from the beginning of the overhand stitch. To end your work you will take your needle through the beginning stitches of your edge and pull the yarn through then clip the end of the string off.



**Making A Strap**

Using at least 6 pieces of yarn you will start by making an end knot. Leave about 4” of the yarn at the end. We will use this to weave back into the sides of our bag to secure the strap to the bag. Use tape or a clipboard to secure your yarn for the rest.



You will start using a macramae weave. Take your right 2 strings and go over the middle two. Then take your left two strings and go over the right two strings.



You will then take the left two strings and go under the middle two and up through the right loop.



Your next one you will start with the yarn on your left and each time you will switch sides that you start on. Continue until the end and put in an end knot and leave about 4” of string to weave into the bag.