

Tray Weaving

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What you need:

- a styrofoam tray
- some yarn
- a large plastic needle or a small piece of cardboard to make one
- tape
- scissors

1. Cut a piece of yarn to make your warp. The warp is the threads that stay on the loom. Tape one end of the yarn to the back of the styrofoam tray.

2. Wrap the yarn around and around the tray. Leave a little space between the yarns so you will be able to weave through them. Wrap it as many times as you want to and then tape the other end to the back of the tray.

3. Cut another piece of yarn. This will be your weft thread, or the one that weaves over and under. Thread this yarn through the needle or tape it to a long skinny rectangle of cardboard to use as a needle.

4. Start to weave by going up and down or over one thread and under the next one.

5. When you get to the end of a row, go back the other way. This time switch your over and under pattern, so that you are going over the threads you went under last time.

6. Keep going until you have filled your loom. You can push the rows of weaving together with your fingers or leave it loose and open. This weaving will stay on the styrofoam loom when you are done.

7. Try adding other things to your weaving, like strips of fabric or paper, sparkly or fuzzy threads, beads or anything else you can think of.

