

TEXTILE EXPLORATION

MINI LOOM BASIC WEAVING

SUMMARY

Participants will learn basic weaving concepts using a cardboard loom.

VOCAB

- Warp:** the threads held in tension across the loom
- Weft:** the threads that are woven over and under the warp threads to create patterns
- Loom:** a frame or device that allows for thread to be held taught and woven together
- Weaving:** making fabric by interlacing threads (warp and weft)
- Shed:** an opening created by raising some warp threads above the surface of the weaving
- Tabby:** under-over-under-over pattern

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT

Using a variety of yarns to create a multi-layered (intersectional) woven fabric

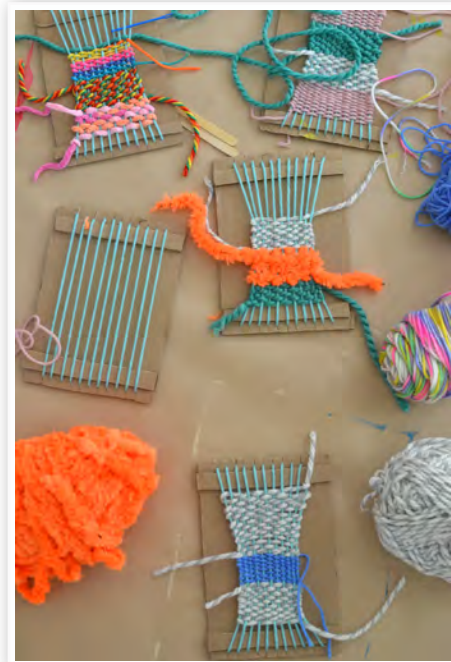
Age Range: 6-7 (need adult supervision),
8+ (can introduce advance weaving techniques)

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Intersectional: we all have multiple identities that intersect to make us who we are

Identity: who you are, the way you think about yourself, the way you are viewed by the world and the characteristics that define you

Diversity: how we are all different inside and out (languages, beliefs, skin, hair, bodies, etc.)



SOCIAL JUSTICE ARTIST

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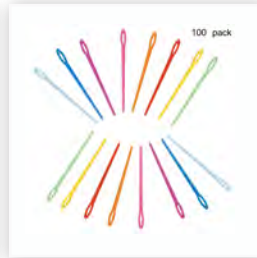
Raised in Tijuana, Mexico, Tanaya is now a Los Angeles based artist/designer/craftsperson. In her formative years she created various collaborative installations with the Border Arts Workshop, an artists' group that engages the languages of activism and community-based public art. Her current work uses craft as a performative medium to generate dialogues about identity, culture and gender while creating community.



MATERIALS

For 12 participants

Supplies	Vendor	Aprox. Cost
Tapestry needles	Amazon	\$7.99
Cardboard	Recycling Bin	\$0
Metal ruler	Amazon	\$4.73
Cardboard cutter	Amazon	\$4.72
Yarn	Amazon	\$11.97
Scissors	Amazon	\$13.89
Tape	Amazon	\$4.78
Aprox. Project Cost		\$48.08



INSTRUCTIONS

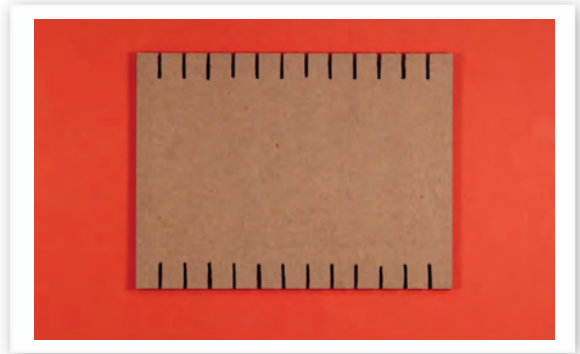
Cardboard Loom (Age 8+)

Step 1: Cut a 5" x 7" piece of cardboard



Step 2: Draw the lines for the notches on the top and bottom of the cardboard. In most cases you want these to be 1/4 inch apart.

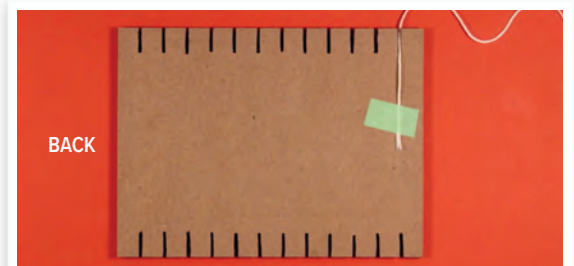
However, you can make them as big as you want. The wider they are the easier the weaving will be (good for little kids).



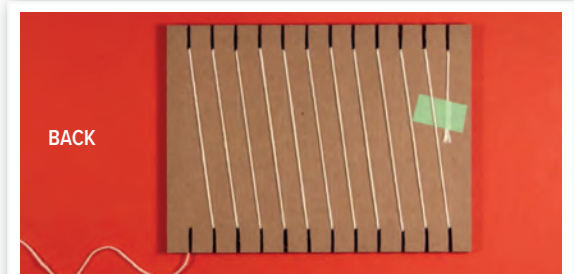
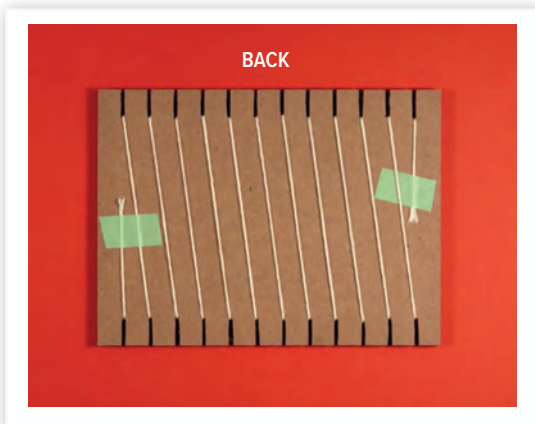
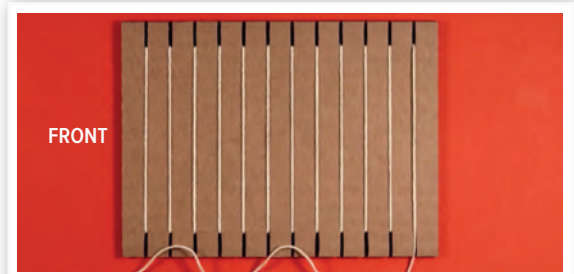
Step 3: Cut evenly-spaced slits that are around 1/2" long



Step 4: Tape about 2" of yarn on the back. Thread the yarn down and around the front and back of the loom until all the slits are used.



Step 5: Cut and tape the end of the yarn on the back.

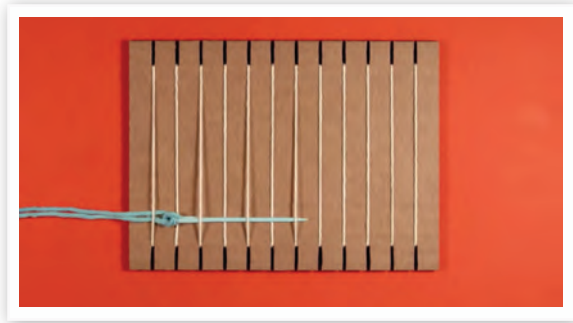


INSTRUCTIONS

Weaving (Age 6+)

Step 1: Weave !

See video tutorial by MetKids on youtube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWLly-Um7_0



NOTES

- The yarn, scissors and needles can be changed as necessary to suit the age of the person you're going to be doing the weaving with.- Young children and those with poor motor skills will benefit by using very large plastic needles and thick yarn as it will be easier to handle. Advanced crafters/weavers can use finer needles and yarn.
- Cardboard can vary in sizes depending on the size of the tapestry you want
- You can do this project with yarn, ribbon or other materials like shoe laces!

IMAGE CREDITS

- www.artbarblog.com
- www.galeriemagazine.com
- www.themet.com | #metkids youtube video (Weave on a Mini Loom)