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Activities at Home

Let's Make our own cardboard loom

What is a loom? A loom is a device that is used to weave cloth or tapestries. People have used looms for a long time, even as far back as 6000 BC. Today we're going to make our own simple loom with cardboard, string, and yarn!

Supplies:

- A rectangular piece of cardboard
- yarn
- String or twine
- Scissors
- A marker
- A ruler
- Tape
- A large plastic needle (optional)

Instructions:

1. Use your marker and ruler to measure 1 cm spaces on the long sides of the cardboard. Leave a ½ inch space on the top and bottom. Ask an adult to cut where the marks are.

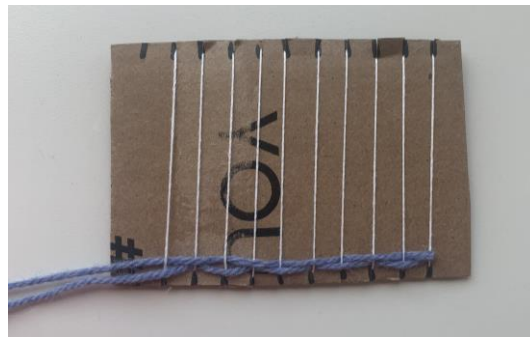


2. Use the tape to secure one end of the string at the top of the board. Then thread the string through the slits on the side. The front of the loom should have straight lines, and the back will be slanted. Cut the string, and tape it to the bottom of the board. The

string that stays attached to the board is called the warp. The Yarn that you will weave into the warp is called the weft.



3. Thread your yarn through the needle and you're ready to weave. To weave, move the needle under one string and over the next until you get to the end of the line, then keep going to the string above. If you don't have a large needle, then use a piece of scotch tape at the end of your yarn to make it easier to guide the yarn over and under the warp.



4. Keep weaving with as many colors as you want! When you are done, trim the excess yarn or tie the pieces together. You can cut the warp of the board and tie the ends together, or leave it on the cardboard as it is and hang the whole thing up on your wall!



