

# Weaving Project - Week 1

Weaving is an ancient method of making a textile (fabric), where two sets of yarn or thread are interlaced at right angles to each other till they form a cloth.

The technique of weaving is also used with different types of grasses to make baskets or different vessels.





But first, did you warm up your fingers last week by making a God's Eye?!



If not, remember to go back later and try it out!





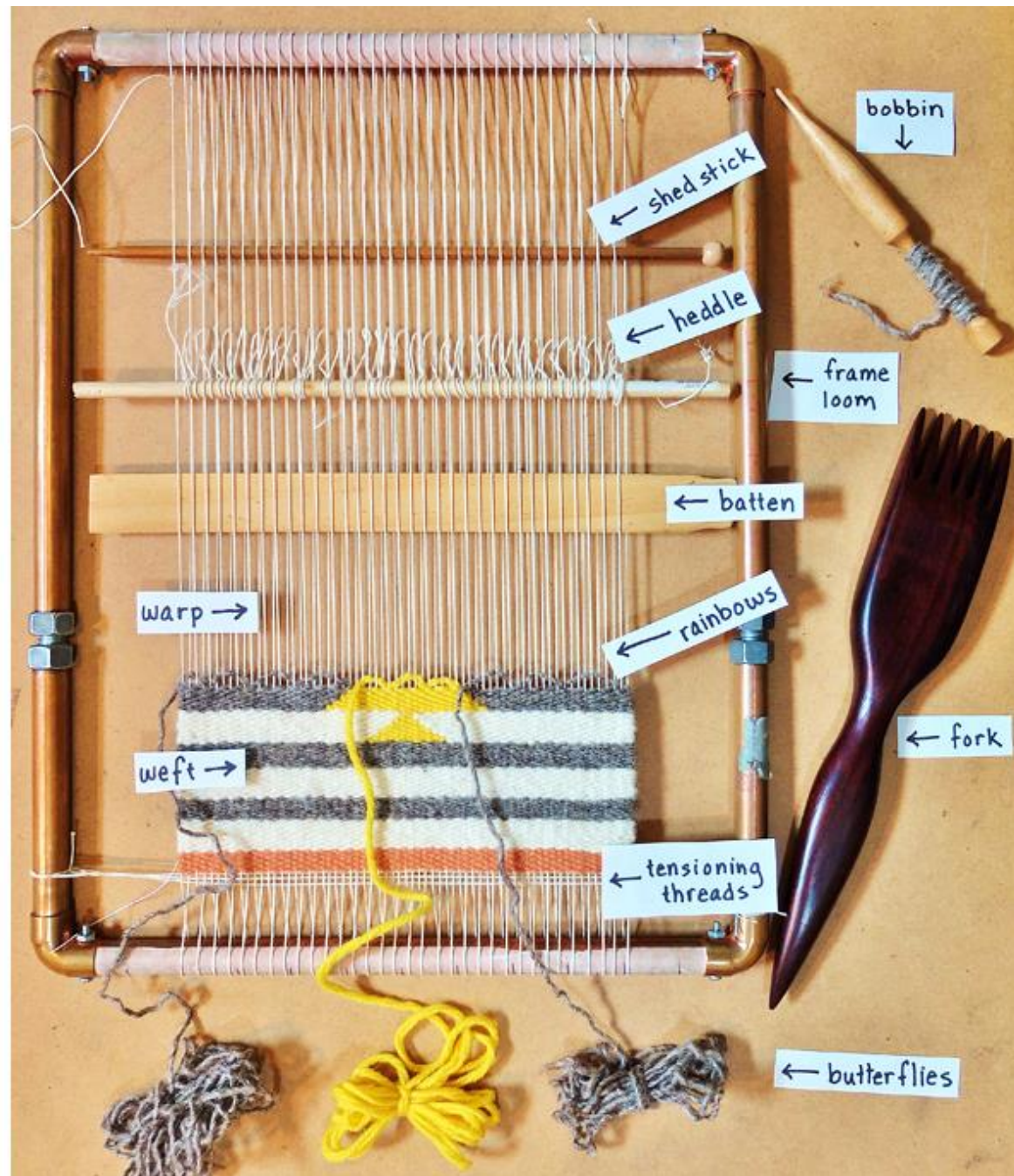
In the Iron Age, most weaving would have been done on large vertical looms.

Each individual warp thread was weighted so that it hung down straight, bars were used to help separate alternate threads, (see if you can spot this in the picture) and it would have then been easy to weave the weft thread through.



Today, people might make small looms out of many different materials. This one has been made from copper piping. If you compare it with the Iron Age one, you will see that some things are still the same.

Can you find the warp and the weft threads on the Iron Age loom too?



We are going to make ours from cardboard.

You also need some yarn, twine, string, ribbon, fabric strips... you can use pretty much anything, but some off-cuts of yarn/wool will be best.

You can also unpick and recycle old scarves or jumpers - but ask first!

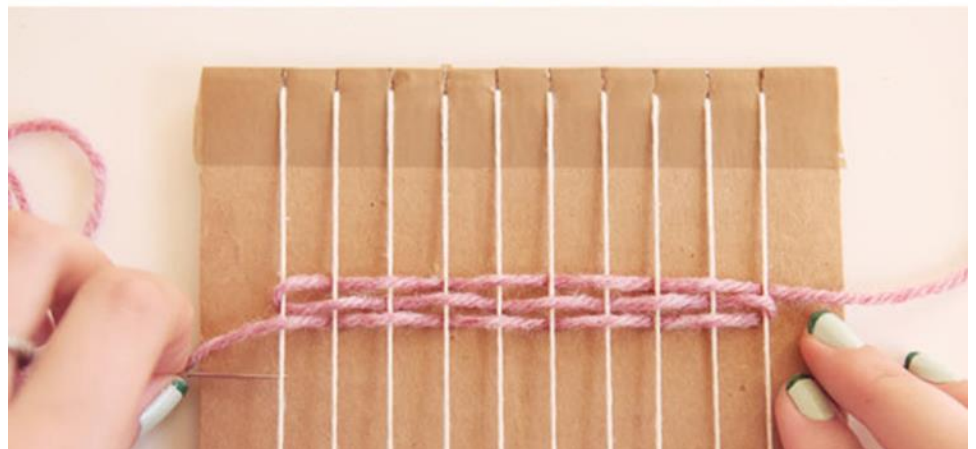
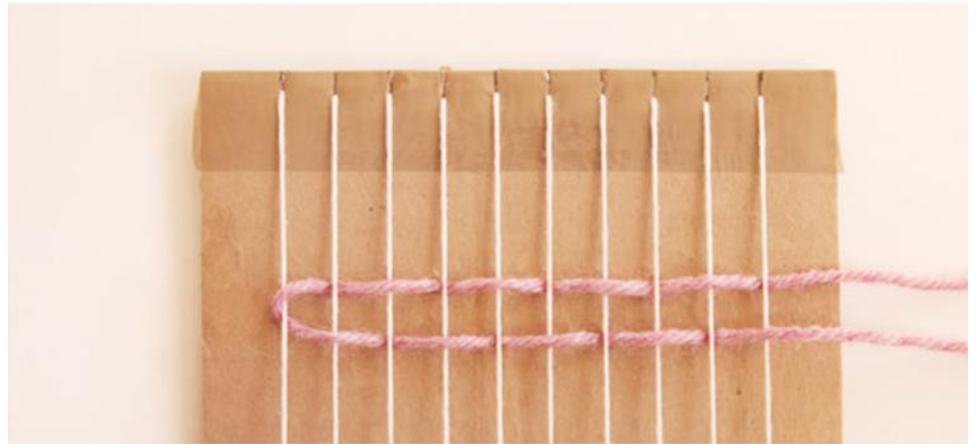
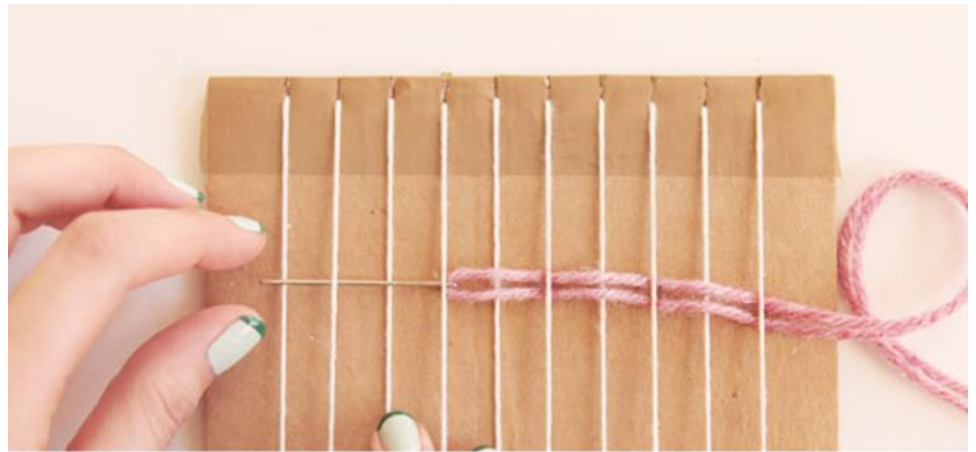




<https://blog.etsy.com/en/learn-how-to-weave/>

This blog shows clearly how to make and then set up your cardboard loom. It has pictures for each step, plus it shows how to add Rya knots for texture and should give you some good ideas.

The key thing to remember though is...  
over, under, over, under,  
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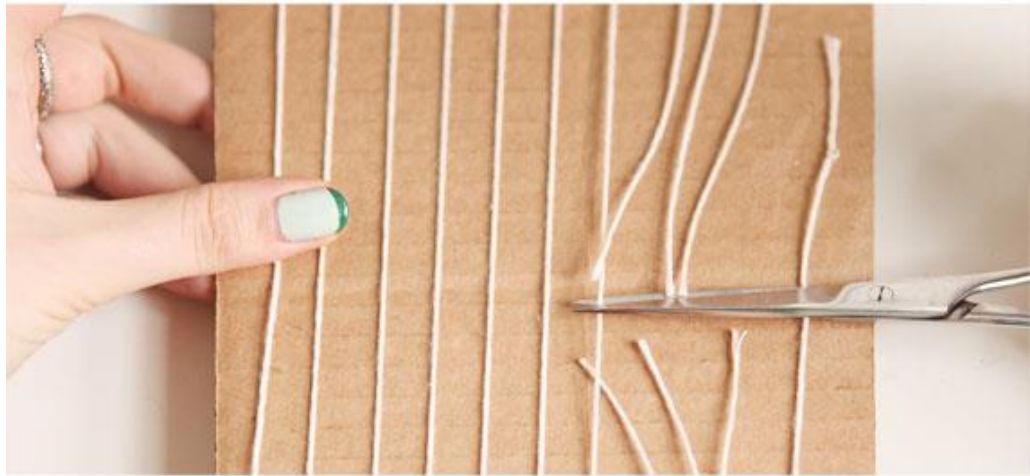


This is how  
you add rya  
knots for  
texture.



This is how you finish off, by tying adjacent warp threads together.

Make sure that you cut the threads at the back in the middle, so that you've got a long enough thread for tying the knots. (Reef knot is best here - left over right, then right over left 😊.)







When you've finished your weave, you can attach it to a twig to hang, or you can tie it off and use it as a coaster, or maybe it could be a hamster blanket - though possibly short-lived!

When you've mastered your 'up and over', then check out [Week Two for the Rainbow Weaving](#) 😊.