

Weaving Project Week 2



So the first yarn crafts that we looked at were God's Eyes – look at these beauties sent in by Max 😊

(To find out how to do these, look at the weekly learning grid for 27.04.20 on the Y3 page.)

Then last week we looked at making a basic loom from cardboard, which I hope has gone equally well.

This week's weaving challenge is for a super bright rainbow weave to hang in your window, or just indoors somewhere to make you smile.



Damien Hirst's new work Butterfly Rainbow, which is free to download, will be sold to raise money for the NHS.

Now you could make a rainbow weave on your cardboard loom from last week, moving straight across or building up a curve.



We're going to look at weaving on a new frame though, to create a true rainbow shape.

You can either make the weave on a plate, like this one, and display it on the plate, or use a cardboard frame like before, which you then take the rainbow off to hang it.

Let's look at the second option – though if you want to try the plate one, it's the same method, but then you don't need to cut it off!





First, you need to make our weaving plate as before, from a piece of cardboard. Draw round a bowl, cut it out, and then cut in half. Cut in an even number of notches around the edge, and then one in the middle.

I used 14 notches.

(If you already have a paper plate, then you could use that also.)

Next, wrap on the warp thread.

Start with a long thread through the notch at the bottom, and then going through each of the other notches in turn, and always back to the one at the bottom.

Tie off with a knot at the bottom.

Now you're ready to start.
Look back at Week 1 if you need to for a reminder of getting going, plus I've added the key slides at the end.





Add the tails as you go, knotting once you've been over and back once, or you can thread and knot the long tails in at the end.

When you first start it will seem very bunched up and wrong, but it will settle into the rainbow shape as you keep going😊.

You've got to start with the last colour you want and move out.

You can see from the picture that you're going to leave a long tail to dangle down.

Keep weaving round till you have as many layers as you like – 5, 6 or 7 would all be good.

As with the rectangle loom, you're going to flip this over when you've finished to cut the warp threads **in the middle, so they're long enough to tie**. I've put a reminder at the end of this PP.





Tie adjacent threads to each other at the top and trim. For the bottom threads, do the same, or knot them with another piece of wool and trim or neaten with a piece of Washi tape at the back.

Hang and enjoy!

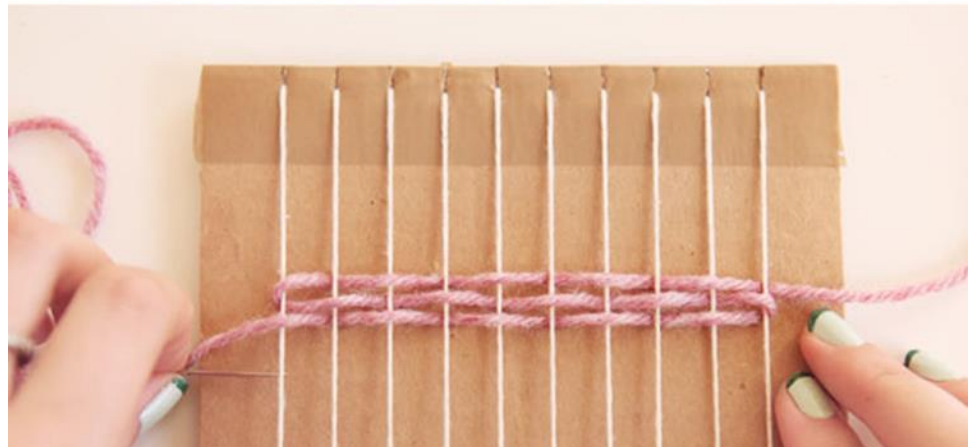
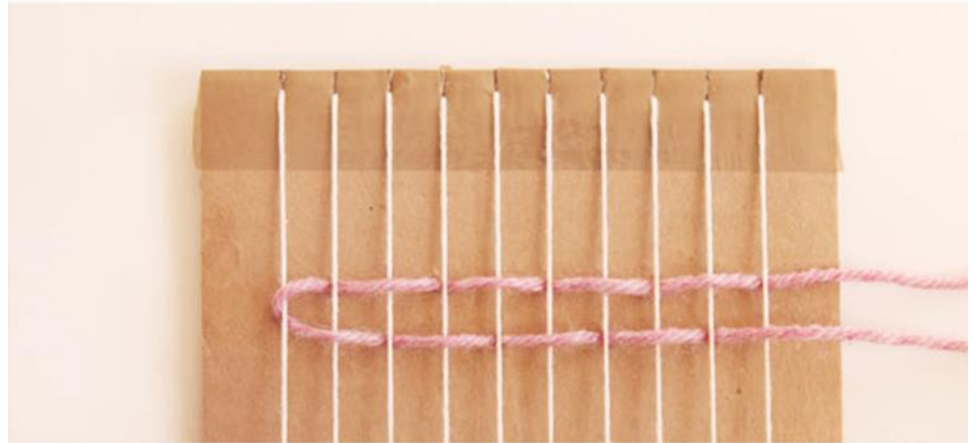
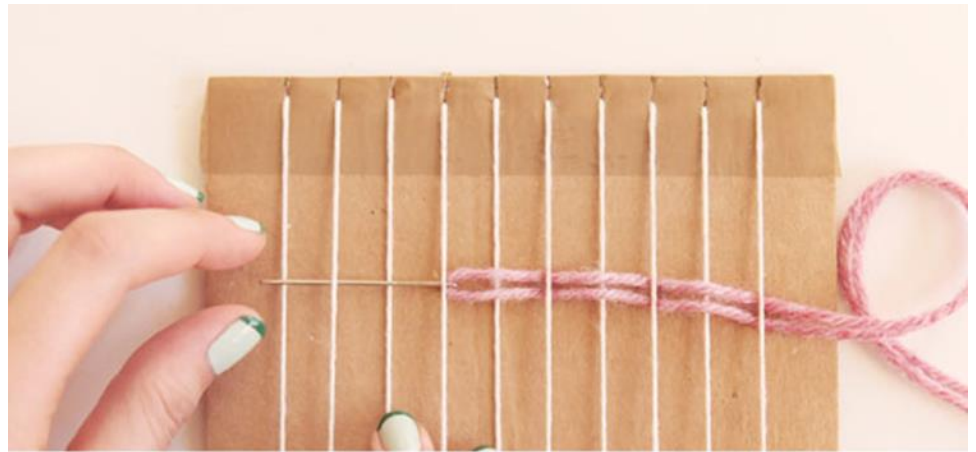
Next instalment, same place, same time, for weaving you can wear😊.

In case you've forgotten...

<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,
over, under...



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 😊.)

