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Simple Weaving

This project is was taken from Mini Mad Things. You can find more of her amazing projects at (<https://minimadthings.com/>)

Weaving is acknowledged as one of the oldest surviving crafts in the world. The tradition of weaving traces back to Neolithic times – approximately 12,000 years ago. Even before the actual process of weaving was discovered, the basic principle of weaving was applied to interlace branches and twigs to create fences, shelters and baskets for protection.



Weaving is one of the primary methods of textile production and it involves interlinking a set of vertical threads with a set of horizontal threads. The set of vertical threads are known as warp and the set of horizontal threads are known as weft.

Weaving can be done by hand or by using machines. Machines used for weaving are called looms. Looms originated from crude wooden frames and gradually transformed into the modern sophisticated electronic weaving machine. Nowadays weaving has become a mechanized process, though hand weaving is still in practice.

Excerpt from Weave Design (<https://www.weavedesign.eu/weaving-history>)

Let's Simply Weave

Materials:

- cardboard
- scissors
- tape
- ruler
- string
- ribbon, paper, yarn, feathers, recycled materials. etc.

Process:

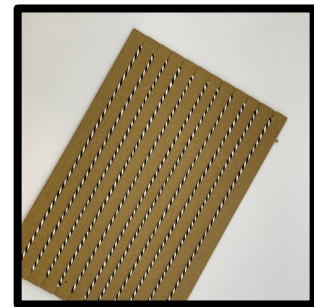
1. Find a comfortable space to work and pour out all your materials.
2. You will need your cardboard sheet, scissors, tape and ruler to begin.



3. Holding your cardboard sheet vertically, measure $\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the top. Do this on the right side and the left side and draw a straight line across. Repeat on the bottom side of the cardboard sheet.

4. Across the line you drew on the top, measure every $\frac{1}{2}$ " across the line and make marks. Draw a line from the top of the cardboard down to your $\frac{1}{2}$ " marks. You should have eleven.

5. Cut on the ½" marks from the top of your cardboard down to the line to create notches.
6. Repeat steps #4 and #5 for the other side of the cardboard.
7. Once you have both sides complete we will use the eleven pieces of string to create our vertical threads.
8. Thread the string through your first notch on the top of your cardboard and use tape to secure it to the back side of the cardboard. Pull it across the front side of the cardboard and secure it on the bottom notch, wrap to the back, and tape. Repeat for all your notches.



9. At this point you should have eleven vertical threads and are ready to weave.
10. Use all your materials and maybe some of your own, to weave through your vertical threads. (Olivia and I used bubble gums wrappers, beads, straws, etc. Feel free to use anything you want to make this weaving interesting and fun. (Young kids could really benefit from an adult showing them the basics of going over and under each thread.)
11. Be proud of your creation and bring it back to Old Town Square next Wednesday so that we can hang it up for all of Fort Collins to see!

Follow us on Instagram @nola_creative_company as we will be featuring artwork from each week. We will not use full names or identify your children in any way other than using their first name in order to give credit.

About the Art for the Heart Program

Art for the Heart is a program of the Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority and NOLA Creative Company.

All returned projects will be displayed in our outdoor kiosk located in between Coopersmith's Pub and Poolside restaurants. All projects will be returned to you the following week after they have been displayed.

Each art project returned will earn you a punch on our "Frequent Artists" punch card. Artists with consistent participation (5 punches or more) will be awarded a t-shirt at the end of the program.

You can find all of our past projects and more information about the program at <https://downtownfortcollins.org/art-for-the-heart/>

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