



# How to Make a Woven Bookmark

## 1. Gather Your Supplies

- Cardboard Loom with yarn running from top to bottom (this is the **warp thread**). **Cotton thread or strong yarn are fine materials to use for the warp.**
- Instructions on how to make these looms are plentiful on the internet. Here are just a few:
  - <https://www.cedardellforestfarm.com/blog/2020/7/10/diy-cardboard-weaving-loom>
  - <https://www.theweavingloom.com/how-to-make-a-cardboard-loom/>
  - <https://www.instructables.com/how-to-weave-on-a-cardboard-loom/>
  - <https://www.kaliko.co/blogs/articles/how-to-weave-on-a-diy-cardboard-loom>
- Yarn measuring about one yard or meter to be your **weft thread** (goes across the loom from side to side). Strips of fabric or grass are also interesting materials to weave with- use your imagination!
- Plastic child's needle, Hair pin, or paper clip to be used as your needle or **shuttle** to hold your weft thread (you can also use your fingers)
- Plastic fork for **beating (pushing) your weft thread** into place (you can also use your fingers)
- Scissors for cutting your pieces of yarn

### Example of front and back of a warped loom

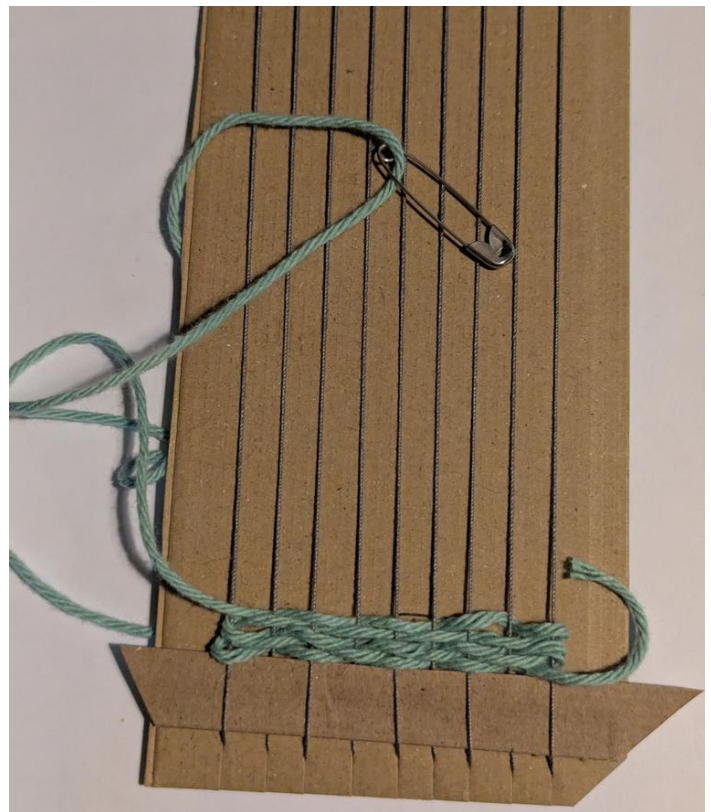
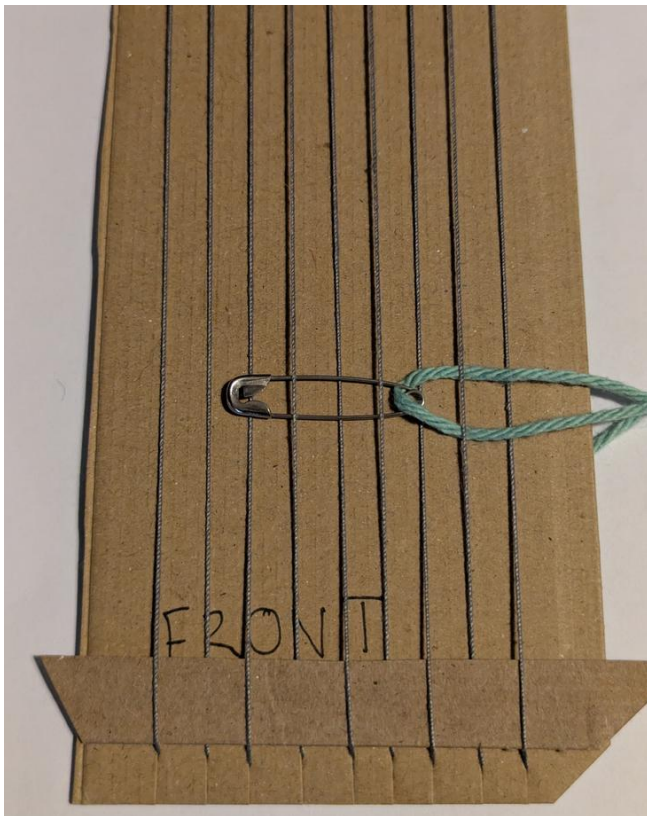


You can start warping at one corner, and wind the yarn down then up the back to the second notch at the top. You can tie the end to the beginning to secure it.

## 2. Start Weaving

- a) Tie one end of your yarn to your **shuttle** (i.e. your needle, hairpin, or paperclip)
- b) Starting at the right side of the cardboard, weave the **weft thread** in and out of the warp threads (the up and down ones) by going over then under the **warp threads** all across the cardboard loom with your shuttle.
- c) Pull the **weft thread** all the way through leaving a 3 or 4 inch tail at the right side. Be careful that you do not pull the warp thread too tightly.
- d) Now go back with your shuttle starting at the left side going to the right side by going under then over across the warp threads.
- e) Take your plastic fork and “beat” your weft threads into place close to one another
- f) Repeat steps c and d until your bookmark is the length you want
- g) If you need to start a new piece of yarn or change colours, start your new piece three warp threads back from where you ended the last piece and overlap the two (old and new pieces)
- h) Leave the loose ends for now

### Start Weaving



You can put a small piece of cardboard or a popsicle stick at the bottom to help keep the edge neat. Thread the yarn through the shuttle (needle, paperclip, etc.) and start weaving. Plain weave or tabby weave ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plain\\_weave](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plain_weave)) is an over-under-over pattern. In the following rows, go over each warp thread you went under last time, and under each you went over.

You can find other weave patterns to try, like twill and satin, as well as techniques like Rya knots, and Soumak, as you continue weaving.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soumak>

<https://www.theweavingloom.com/weaving-techniques-rya-knots/>

### 3. Finish Weaving

- a) Cut the warp threads on the back of the loom in the middle
  - b) Pull the warp threads from their notches two or three at a time
  - c) Tie the warp threads net to each other together, to contain the weft between them, as close to your weaving as you can
  - d) Do this for all of your warp threads
  - e) Trim your ends leaving a fringe as long as you like it
  - f) Hide your loose ends by tucking them into your weaving with your shuttle. You could also sew a cover on the back to hide them.
- Cardboard looms can also be used to make coasters, bracelets, small bags, etc.
  - Looms can be made in different sizes for placemats, tablet covers, small bags, etc.

**TIP!** Use popsicle sticks or similar items as shed sticks. The stick will lift or lower the correct warp threads saving you to have to do the over/under thing for part of your work.

<https://www.theweavingloom.com/weaving-tools-benefits-of-the-shed-stick/>