

CIRCLE WEAVING

Make your very own round yarn weaving with this simple and fun method!

What You'll Need:

- Paper Plate or Cardboard Circle
 - Yarn
- Plastic Needle or Paper Clip
 - Scissors



Directions

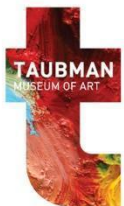
Set up the Loom

1. Draw an **odd** number of evenly spaced hatch marks around the outside edge of the plate or cardboard circle. You can use the width of 2 or 3 fingers to measure evenly between marks.
2. Use scissors to make $\frac{1}{4}$ inch cuts around the edge of the plate.



Creating the Warp Threads

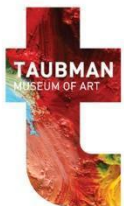
3. Thread a piece of yarn into one of the notches, leaving a 2-3 inch tail hanging behind the cardboard. Wrap the yarn across the loom to the notch directly opposite, and up the back of the loom to where it started and push the yarn into the next notch over, then repeat this process, taking the yarn down the front to the opposite notch and up into the



next notch. Continue winding around the loom this way until it gets to the last notch. To finish, you'll take your yarn across the loom to a notch that's already been used. There will be two threads of yarn in this notch but treat them as one when weaving. Cut the yarn, leaving another tail. Use a piece of tape to secure threads in place.

Weaving

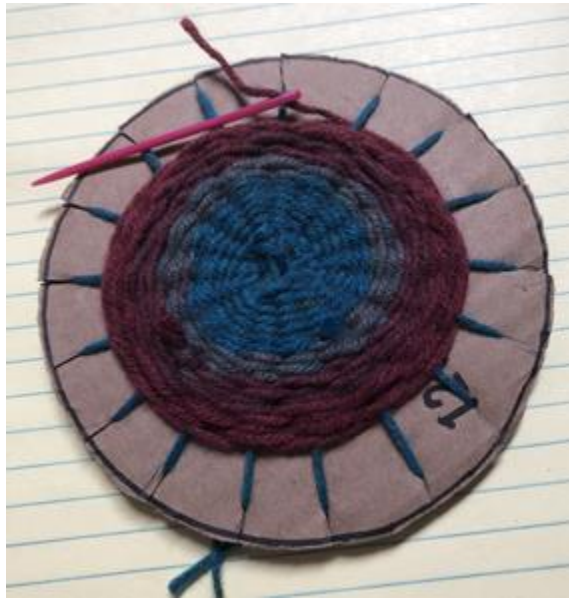
4. To begin, thread a 1-2 foot piece of yarn through the plastic needle. Slide this piece of yarn underneath the warp threads and knot them together in the center of the loom. Trim the knot. Slip the needle under one of the warp threads at the center of the loom and then over the next. Continue weaving around the circle of warp threads, over and under, pulling the yarn gently to close in any gaps in the weaving.



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Changing Colors

5. When students finish with their first color, they can move onto the next one. Trim any excess yarn and tie the new color on using a double knot. Repeat this process with each color until students finish their design.



6. Finishing up

Remove the tape from the back of the cardboard loom and cut through the middle of the warp threads on the back. Carefully remove the warp threads out of the notches to release the weaving from the loom. Lay the project out on a flat surface and tie all of the loose threads of yarn together in sets of two. Use a double knot to ensure it's secure.

