

Weaving on a Cardboard Loom

Relates to BAM's exhibition, *Ceramics and Textiles from the Southwest*.

Materials needed

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Drawing tool (pen, Sharpie, pencil)
- Glue
- Yarn or string
- Tape
- Materials to weave with (paper strips, fabric, yarn, long grass)

Building + Warping Your Loom

Cut cardboard to desired size. Make marks along the top and bottom edge with your drawing tool, equally spaced from each other. Cut each of these marks, about an inch deep. Tape one end of your string to the backside of the cardboard. Thread the string through the top left cut, running it down to the bottom left cut on your cardboard. Thread the string through the bottom cut. Continue threading the string through each cut, moving up and down, left to right, until they are all threaded. Tape the end of the string down to the back of the cardboard when you have threaded all the cuts. These strings are called the warp, and make up your loom!

Weaving

Cut paper, grass or fabric into strips about the width of your cardboard loom. Begin weaving by feeding your first strip under the first warp on your loom, over the second, under the third, and so on until you reach the end of your loom. Repeat this step with additional strips until your loom is full.

Finishing

Once your loom is full, glue down your strips to the cardboard so they do not move. You can use scissors to trim the edges of your weaving, or choose to leave fringed edges.

For more instruction on weaving with yarn or string, view "Weaving on a Cardboard Loom" on BAM's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/rTbkeGp2zoY>

