

Learning objectives

To illustrate how weaving is done.

45-60
mins

KS2

Teacher preparation

For foundation/KS1, complete steps 1-3 before lesson.

Equipment & resources

- Cardboard
- Wool
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Sellotape

Main activity

1. Cut a piece of cardboard about 12cm by 16cm. Cut 1cm slits about 1cm apart on one end, and then using your ruler mark and cut corresponding slits at the opposite end. Make sure you have an *even number of slits*.
2. Wind the wool around the cardboard as shown. This creates a "warp".
3. Tape the ends down on the back or tie the loose ends together.
4. Now weave the wool as shown over one strand and under the next. Hook the end over the right most slit to keep it out of the way.
5. To change colours simply leave the ends untidy and trim when the whole piece is finished.
6. Continue weaving until you reach the bottom, then turn the cardboard over and slice the warp threads along the middle.
7. Tie the loose end strands together as shown.
8. Loose side threads can be knotted close to the edge of the weave and tucked in or sewn in place.

Tip: Weave can be kept as it is or mounted and used as a card decoration. Thinner versions can be used as bookmarks.

