

Weaving Rainbows

A fun project to brighten up your day, learn how to weave a rainbow!



You will need:

- Two pieces of cardboard or a paper plate
 - Scissors
 - Tape
 - Yarn in various colours
 - A bobbin if you have one, or improvise with a fork
1. Cut your first piece of cardboard into a semi-circle to the size you want your rainbow to be.
 2. Cut a triangular notch at the mid-point on the straight edge, and cut smaller notches around the arc of the cardboard.

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3. Now you are ready to warp your semi-circle loom!

Cut a long piece of yarn in any colour, this will be your warp. Tape the tail end of the warp behind the large notch at the bottom of the loom, and bring the warp to the front by catching it on the notch. Then bring the warp to the left to catch on the small notch at the edge of the loom. Wrap the warp around and bring it back through the big notch, and repeat on all the smaller notches, making sure to always bring it through the large middle notch each time.

When you get to the final small notch, wrap the warp around and finish through the big notch and tape the tail to the back.

4. To start weaving, choose your first colour of yarn and tie it around the warp to the far left. Bring the yarn over the first warp and under the second. Repeat this pattern until you reach the end.

When you reach the end, wrap the yarn over the warp on the far right, and weave your way back over to the other side. To keep your weaving neat and tight, push down the wool with a bobbin if you have one, or with a fork.

Continue until you reach the thickness of the band of colour you like. To finish the colour, tie it to the warp on the left end and cut.

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5. Repeat step four for all the colours you would like to use.
6. Weave until you get to the outer edge of you loom, and tie and cut your last colour. You will be able to see a little bit of the edge of your cardboard loom, there are various ways to cover this including:

Paint the edges the same colour as your last yarn OR plait a length of your last yarn and glue down around the edge to create a neat finish.
7. To neaten up the bottom edge of the tapestry, draw and cut out clouds from your second piece of cardboard. Stick to the bottom of your tapestry with tape or glue.

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