



# GIANT WEAVING LOOM

Congratulations! You have just received your very own Giant Weaving Loom! Now you can create your own colorful one-of-a-kind handwoven projects using a variety of techniques. Learn to make a cool purse, scarf and belt! The thick yarn makes weaving quick and easy!

#### Your Kit Contains:

- 15.75" x 11.25" Wooden Loom
- 150 Yards of Extra Thick Multi-Colored Yarn
- Wooden Shuttle
- 6" Weaving Needle
- Loom Comb
- 2.75" Stitching Needle
- Fun Accessories

#### GET READY!

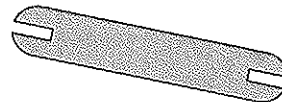
Choose a comfortable working area with enough room to lay out the items from your kit. Take your time and don't rush your weaving! Your finished product will reflect the care and time you spent making it. Don't worry about imperfections in the yarn as it adds to the uniqueness of weaving!

Let's go over the items in your kit:

**Weaving Needle-** This large needle is used to weave the yarn from left to right. Thread the needle with two lengths of yarn together. This will make your weaving thick and strong.



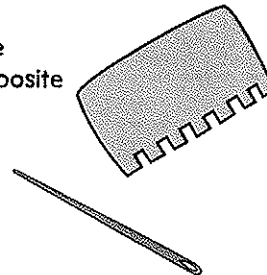
**Loom Shuttle-** This is also used to weave yarn across from left to right. You can wind a really long length of yarn around your shuttle and it will keep your yarn from getting tangled, but don't wind too much. It will not move smoothly if it is too bulky.



**Shaft Bar-** Use to separate the threads that run up and down, making it easier to use the shuttle through the threads.



**Loom Comb-** Use to gently move the weft threads close together. Start at one side and move across to the opposite side. Repeat this process every three or four rows.



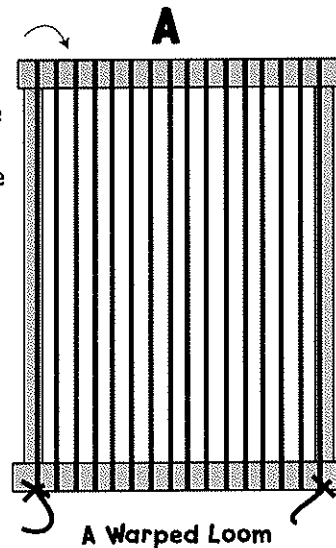
**Stitching Needle-** This is used to stitch your finished projects together. It can also be used to weave ends of yarn back into the weaving.

## GET SET!

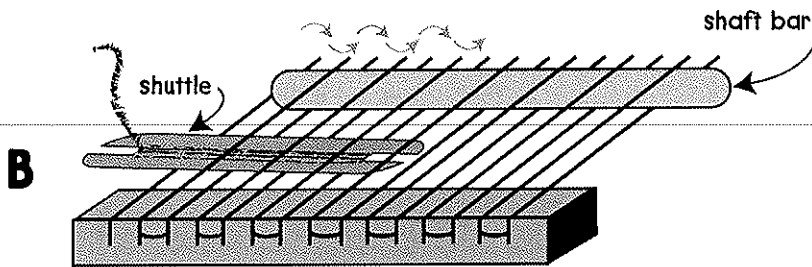
### Threading Your Loom:

1. Place the loom on a flat surface with the notched sides at the top and bottom. Some of the yarn is already cut and formed in a ball. Use one of the rainbow yarn balls to "warp" your loom. The "warp" threads are vertical (running up and down) which are held in the notches. The "weft" threads are horizontal (running left to right). The "weft" threads are woven through the warp.

2. Tie the end of the yarn around the lower left block. Loop the yarn around the notches top and bottom so they are held snugly, but not too tight! After you have completed warping your loom, tie the other end of the yarn to the lower right block. See diagram A.



3. Insert the shaft bar through the warp threads, pushing it over and under the threads as if you were weaving. Move the bar to the center of the loom. As you weave, the bar can be moved up towards the top of the loom. (If you prefer to work with the weaving needle instead of the shuttle then you do not need the shaft bar.) See diagram B.

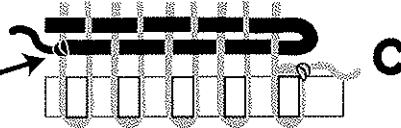


## GO!

3. Thread your weaving needle with a long length of yarn and tie it to the bottom of the first warp thread. Position the needle in a horizontal position **over** the first thread, then go **under** the next thread. Continue going over and under the warp threads until you reach the end of the row.

4. To weave the next row, your needle should go under the threads you went over, and over the threads you went under. See Diagram C.

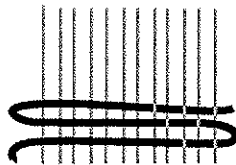
Tie a knot on the warp thread



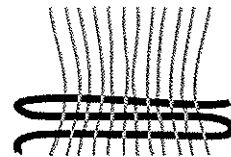
Remember to tap down the yarn with your Loom Comb or your fingers every 3 or 4 rows to keep the weaving snug and consistent. Do not pull the yarn too tightly when weaving so that the edges will be even and not pulled into the center. See diagram D.

Correct way to pull threads

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Incorrect: Don't pull threads too tightly



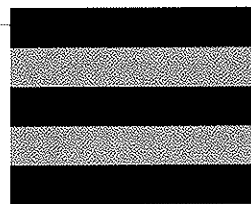
5. When you need more yarn, slip your needle off the yarn, take two additional lengths of yarn together and knot the ends of the new yarn with the ends of the yarn in your loom. Thread the ends of the new yarn into your needle and continue weaving. The knot can be tucked under to the side of your weaving that won't be seen.

6. Continue weaving following instructions for the project you are creating. After you have finished the last row, cut the yarn leaving a tail about 3" long. Tie the loose end to the last warp thread and trim all the tails off of your weaving. See Diagram C.

#### How To Make Patterns:

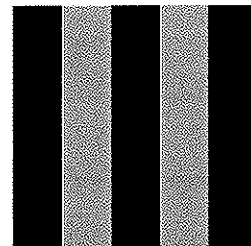
##### Horizontal Stripes-

By changing the colors of yarn in your needle, you can create horizontal stripes. You can add your own yarn to the multicolored yarn in this kit. The width of the stripes will depend on how many rows you weave with each color.



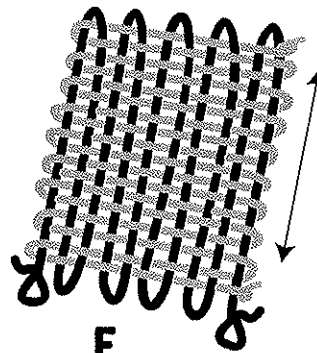
##### Vertical Stripes-

To create vertical stripes you will need to change colors for each row. Start each row by leaving a 3" tail at each end that you can tie onto the warp thread. See Diagram C.

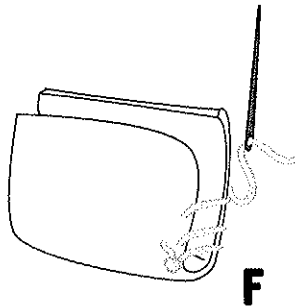


**How to Make a  
PURSE:**

1. Warp your loom.
2. Weave until you reach the top of the loom. Be sure to weave as many rows as you can, it will look tight, but you will spread the rows out at the end, so don't worry.
3. Gently lift the weaving from the loom by pushing up from underneath to slip the warp threads off the notches.
4. With your fingers, gently spread out the weft threads to fill in the loose space at the top and bottom of your weaving. Don't worry about the big loops at the bottom, you can use them to stitch your pieces together or to add fringe. **See diagram E.**



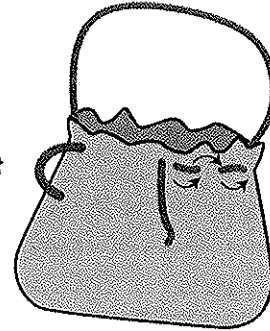
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Gently spread  
the weft threads  
towards top  
and bottom



5. Now stitch the sides together. Fold the piece in half, **wrong** side out. Thread your weaving needle with a length of yarn and knot one end on the bottom corner. Insert the needle from **front to back** through both loops. Bring the needle around and insert it from **front to back** through the next loops of both sides. Continue this until you reach the end of your purse, keeping the stitch firm but not tight. Finish by knotting the stitching yarn on the outside of the purse. Now turn the purse inside out and all of your knots will be concealed! **See diagram F.**

6. To make the strap, you will need to braid together 3 lengths of yarn that are twice as long as the loom. If you want a thicker strap, you can braid 6 lengths of yarn together. Tie a knot at both ends to keep the braid from unraveling. Stitch the ends of the strap to the top open corners of your purse. Braid another strap this size to use for the drawstring closure.

7. Now all you need to do is make your drawstring closure and you are done! Poke the second braided strap into the center of the purse 3 rows from the top. Now weave it in and out around the purse going over 3 warp threads at a time. Now you can string on the heart and star beads onto the ends of the drawstring and make a knot so they don't fall off. **See diagram G.**



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**SCARF or BELT:**

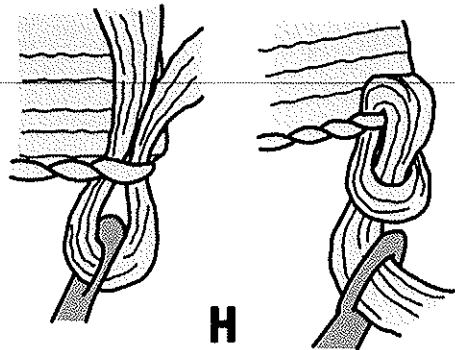
1. Warp your loom over 3 notches for a belt or half the loom for a scarf.

2. Weave the first row and continue weaving until you reach the top of the loom. You will need to make two or three full weavings depending on how long you want your finished piece. Stitch together the completed pieces. For the belt, stitch one side of the belt buckle to each end. **See diagram F.**

3. To add tassels to your scarf or belt, wind some yarn around your fingers or a small piece of cardboard, then cut one side to make the lengths of yarn for your tassels. Divide them into small groups.

4. Fold 1 group of yarn in half and pull them through the bottom edge of your piece, from front to back with the yarn needle. **See diagram H.**

5. Firmly pull the ends of the yarn through the loop to make the knotted tassel. Continue making as many tassels as you like!



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