

# Weaving prehistory!

## Introduction:

During the Neolithic, producing societies would begin to create clothing with the help of a loom. They probably used flax, and later sheep's wool. Flax is one of the first crops produced by man in the Near East around 10,000 years ago. Sheep were also domesticated during this period, but we still don't know when they started producing wool, originally sheep would have hair like ibex.

## Instructions:

In this dossier you will find the instructions to create a mini-loom and how to use it for weaving.

## You will need:

- Cardboard
- Thin thread
- Wool or synthetic yarn (you can try different materials and sizes to see the difference)
- Needles (can be plastic)

## Learning Objectives:

This activity will teach children the technique of weaving with a loom. They will also practice their dexterity.



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# Let's make a loom



1. Cut out a cardboard rectangle and two strips of cardboard.



2. Hook the two strips of cardboard on each side, leaving 2cm on each side.



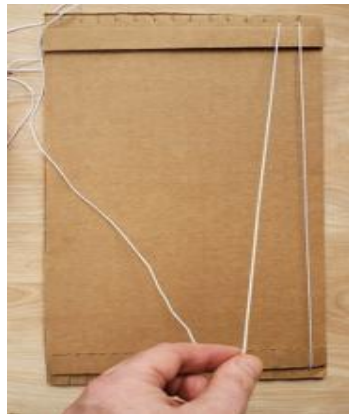
3. Draw lines on the two bands, separated by 1cm apart.



4. Cut out the lines you just drew.



4. Pass the thread through the cut on one side and hook it behind (where the cardboard strips are not).



5. Pass the thread through each of the cuts.



6. When finished, cut the thread and hook it behind.



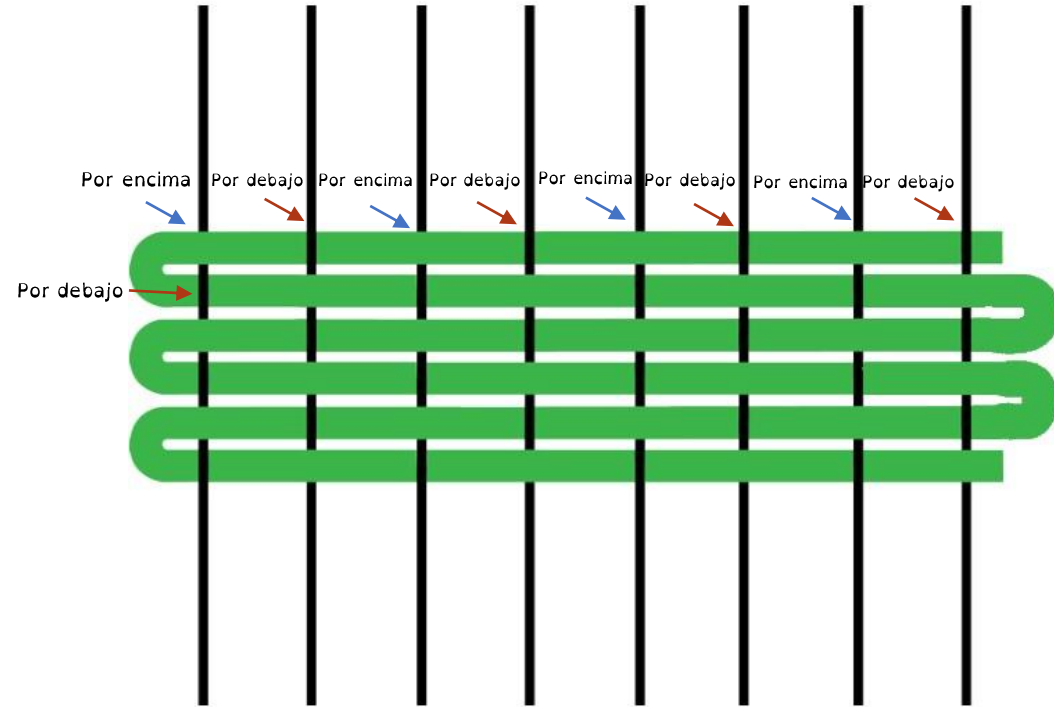
7. You already have your miniature loom!



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# Instructions



With the help of a needle, pass your thread through the different threads of the loom. Make sure you pass the thread as you can see the picture. When you have a line, join them upwards so that you don't have any holes. You can try changing colors and fabrics, experiment and have fun!



Cut out your loom and hang it wherever you want!

Don't forget to tie the threads!



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