

Nature Weaving

Supplies:

- Cardboard
- Yarn
- Tape
- Nature items

Procedure:

1. Go on a nature walk. This can be in your backyard, around your block, anywhere. Just be sure it is okay to collect items in that space.
2. Collect your material. Collect your favorite natural items keeping in mind you will weave them into a loom. You will want to collect longer items like long blades of grass, flowers with stems, leaves seed heads. (If it can fit under the yarn, it can be added).
3. Create your loom. Using scrap cardboard (this can be from a cereal box, old delivery box, etc.) cut a 5"x8" rectangle.
4. Start the loom. Hold your rectangle so the long sides are on the edges (tall and skinny rectangle). Cut $\frac{1}{2}$ inch slits about a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart.
5. Add the string. Tape the string on the back of your loom. Wind the string through the slits one at a time and running the string across the rectangle to the adjacent slit. Once you have filled all of the slits, tape the end of your string to the back. The tension can be kind of tricky here. You want your string tight, but not enough that the cardboard buckles or bends.
6. Begin weaving. Turn your loom so it is now a short long rectangle. Grab your first nature item and weave it through, moving it through the strings to go over the first, under the second, over the third, under the fourth and so on until you've reached the last string. Then weave in your second item. Starting UNDER the first string, over the second, under the third, over the fourth (opposite of your first nature item).
7. Finish your weave. Continue to switch off going over or under for each item you add. You have finished once your loom is full.



Step 3: Create your loom



Step 5: Add the string



Step 6: Finish your weave

