

# Cardboard Weaving



Using a cardboard loom, you will get to recreate the experience of weaving your own fabric, just like women and children during the colonial era!

- Step 1: Find the following items in your kit:
  - Pre-Made Cardboard Loom
  - Fabric Ball (Colonial DIY) or Yarn (Traditional Trades)
  - Wooden Stick (looks like a large popsicle stick)
- Step 2: Weave your stick through the threads at the top of your loom, going **over and under** with each alternating thread.
- Step 3: Take your fabric or yarn, and thread it through the space you just made with your stick.
- Step 4: Remove your stick. You have now made your first row.
- Step 5: Repeat Step 2 with your stick, but switch your pattern, now weaving the stick through the threads going **under and over**.
- Step 6: Taking the end of the fabric or yarn you just used, repeat Step 3, but thread your fabric or yarn in the opposite direction
- Step 7: Repeat the steps listed above, using your stick to create a pattern in the thread, and then weaving your yarn or fabric through!
- Note: If you are weaving and your fabric or yarn runs out, you can tie a new piece of fabric or yarn to the end and continue to weave!
- Note: As you are weaving, you can use your stick or hand to push the fabric or yarn up the loom, making your pattern more tight.
- Note: When you are done, you will cut the strings on either end of your looms and tie them together! You can leave the fringe, or cut it off once tied!