

The Green Stitch, Hera Gallery & Hera Educational Foundation

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In conjunction with our speaker, David Gregg of The Rhode Island Natural History Survey, we used counting skills to learn the basics of weaving to make a bracelet or bookmark.

Supplies

mini handmade loom (10" x 8" cardboard with 12 strings pulled tight across 1.5")
crochet thread (warp)
colorful embroidery floss (weft)
comb
blunt end needle

Directions

1. Measure your wrist if you want to weave a bracelet.
2. Thread your needle with 24" of embroidery floss.
3. Test which style of weaving you like on your warp (the vertical threads) which is made of crochet thread. Over and under every thread, over and under every 2 threads, feel free to experiment!
4. Tie a row of knots at the end of your mini loom against the small raised cardboard to secure your head of your project. The video link at the end gives a good tutorial.
5. Start weaving your project with your embroidery floss. Make sure every shot (pass through) is opposite of the one before to cover your white warp threads.
6. Use your comb as a beater to push every shot together tightly against your knot line.
7. Keep floss tails at the selvages 5"-6" so we can weave them back in at the end.
8. Switch colors whenever, just remember to leave enough floss to weave back in at the end.
9. Keep your selvages (width ends) neat and in a straight line. The width of your bracelet should remain at 1.5" throughout.
10. Secure the end with another row of knots.
11. Flip your loom upside down and cut your warp in the center.
12. Braid or twist your crochet thread to finish off the bracelet.
13. I found this video helpful and short! <https://youtu.be/3ggRkxkRhzM>

Feeling Fancy?!?!?

Look up some tapestry weaving techniques to add some dimension to your weaving.

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