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WOODEN Multi-Craft

LOOM

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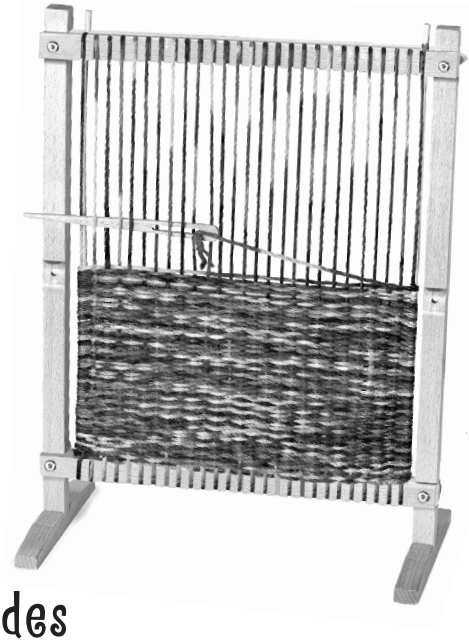
Instructions & Design Ideas

Ready to get crafty? This book will show you how to use the materials that come with your loom to make cozy yarn crafts and cool tapestries. But don't stop there: Once you've got the hang of weaving on your loom, you can use it to weave with your own pictures, ribbons, strips of fabric, vines, and much more. There's no limit to what you can create if you be-*weave* !



Includes

- Adjustable loom
- 2 wooden dowels
- Wooden needle
- 3 picture-tapestry kits (picture strips & string)
- 91 yards (83 meters) of yarn

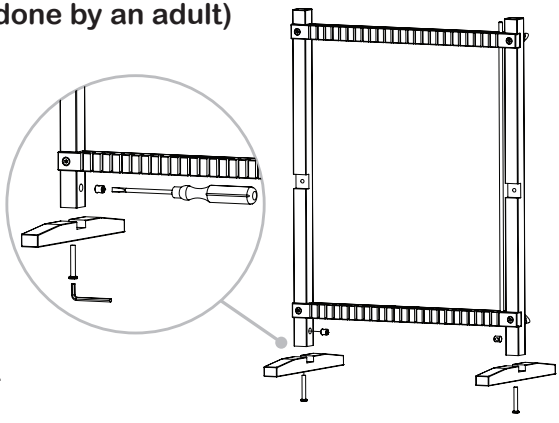
Assembly & Setup

ASSEMBLE THE LOOM
(to be done by an adult)

1. Position the feet at the base of the uprights, perpendicular to the bottom bar.

2. Insert the barrel nuts into the holes in the side of each upright, with the design facing out.

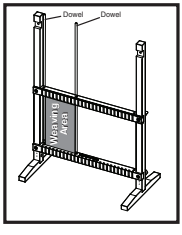
3. Then insert a screw into the bottom of each upright and tighten with the included hex key. (See diagram and inset at right.)



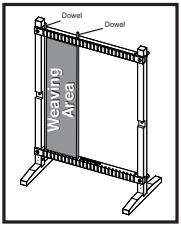
FRAME YOUR WORKSPACE

After choosing your craft, adjust the loom as shown below. Unscrew the red knobs to reposition the horizontal bars; remove and reinsert the dowels (as needed) by hand.

WOVEN YARN CRAFTS



Tasseled Coaster / Drawstring Pouch
Bar: Bottom & middle notches
Dowels: 1st & 2nd positions



Rainbow Scarf
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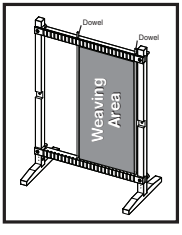
Dowels: 1st & 2nd positions



Crafty Carry-All
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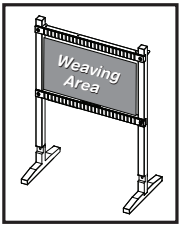
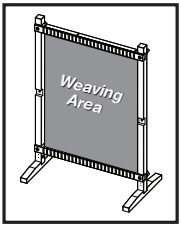
Dowels: 2nd & 3rd positions

PICTURE TAPESTRIES



Fish / Turtle
Bar: Middle & top notches
Dowels: omit



Owl
Bar: Bottom & top notches
Dowels: omit

HELPFUL HINTS

REPOSITIONING THE HORIZONTAL BARS (by a child or adult):
Grasp the red knobs and twist counterclockwise to remove. Move the bar to the other set of notches, then attach to the frame by tightening the red knobs again. When repositioning, make sure the dowel holes on the top and the bottom bars align.

DISASSEMBLY / ASSEMBLY (by an adult):
STORE FLAT by removing the feet with the supplied hex key.

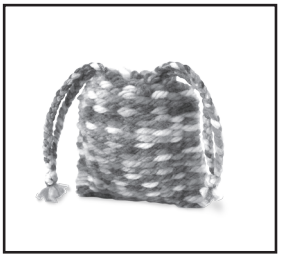
OPTIONAL: Use the hex key to remove all the screws for more compact storage.

Choose Your Craft!

Pick a project, then turn to the page indicated to find out how to make it on your loom!
*Be sure to read the "Getting Started" tips (below) before you begin.

Quick-and-easy yarn crafts—great for beginners!

Quick-Start Yarn Craft:
Tasseled Coaster - p. 4



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Wonderful wearable weavables!

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Make-your-own room decor!

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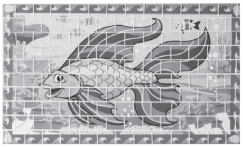

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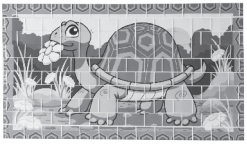

Turtle

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GETTING STARTED

Follow these tips to make sure your craft time is filled with fun . . . and great results!

- This set comes with enough yarn for two or more of the woven projects. Always pre-measure to be sure you have enough before beginning a project! (If not, you can use store-bought yarn—our measurements are based on Super Bulky gauge.)
- Weaving with the complete length of yarn at once can cause tangles! Instead, start with about 9-10 arm lengths. When you get to the end of one piece, connect it to the next piece using a simple knot, then keep weaving.
- You can work in other types of yarn to add accents. Simply alternate colors to make easy stripes!
- At the end of each craft, use your hands to even out the rows or shape the fabric the way you want it. Trim loose ends and press knots into the fabric to hide them.
- If you miss a stitch or make a mistake, don't worry—you can always unweave to the problem spot . . . or just let it be: Imperfections are part of what makes handmade crafts uniquely beautiful!

Loom setup

Tools needed
- Wooden needle
- Scissors (not included)

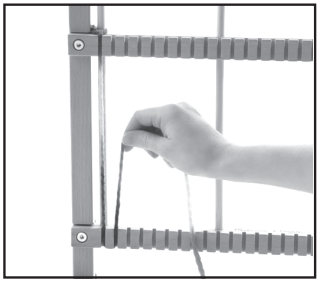
Yarn needed
Coaster • 10-12 yards (9.1-11m)
Pouch • 22 yards (20 m)

1. Frame your workspace as shown above.

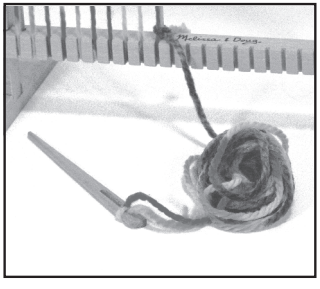
2. Tie the yarn to the top of the 1st (left-hand) dowel (above the bar).

   Guide the yarn down and up through the notches, filling the weaving area from left to right with vertical strands.

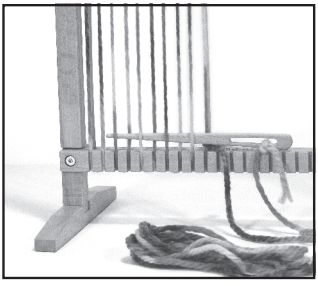
   Knot at the top of the 2nd dowel.



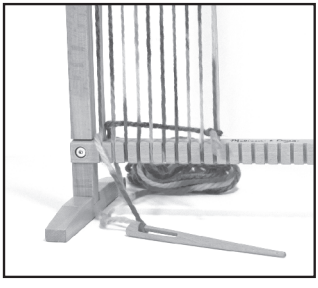
3. With a new section of yarn: Tie one end to the bottom of the right-hand dowel; tie the other end to the needle.



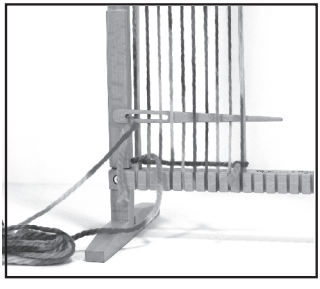
4. Work the needle across the loom, going behind one vertical strand and in front of the next.



5. At the end of each row, loop the yarn around the dowel and the last strand as one, then pull the yarn snug (but not too tight).

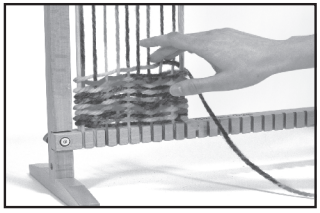


6. Weave the next row, going in front of the strands you went behind before (and vice versa).

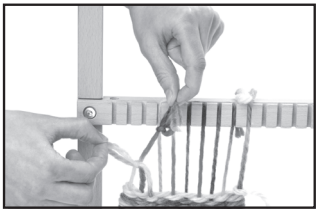


. . . Finish Here to Make Tasseled Coaster

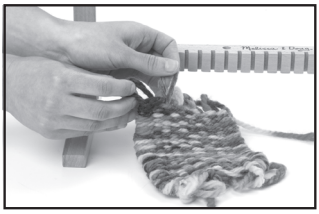
7. From time to time, gently press down the rows with your fingers. Continue adding rows until the fabric makes a square.



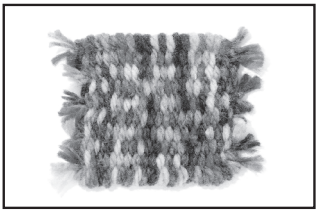
8. Remove the dowels. Unhook the top loops and double-knot each one with the loop beside it.



9. Repeat on the bottom loops: First unhook them from the loom, then double-knot them.

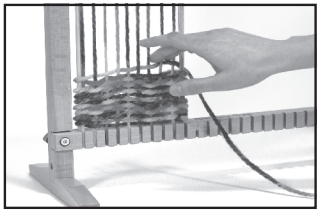


10. Trim the ends evenly. Then use as a fancy footer for your favorite refreshing drink!



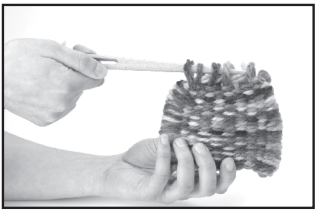
. . . or Here to Make Drawstring Pouch

7. From time to time, gently press down the rows with your fingers. Keep adding rows to fill the area.



8. Fold the fabric in half, top to bottom. Use the needle and yarn to sew the sides together.

9. Use the needle to pull a piece of yarn through the loops around the open end of the pouch.



10. Tie a knot to connect the ends. Trim the ends and your pouch is ready!

Rainbow Scarf

Loom setup

Tools needed
- Wooden needle
- Scissors (not included)

Yarn needed
- 50 yards (45.7m)

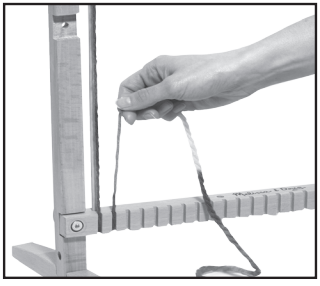
Tip: Divide yarn into several smaller sections to make weaving easier.

1. Frame your workspace as shown above.

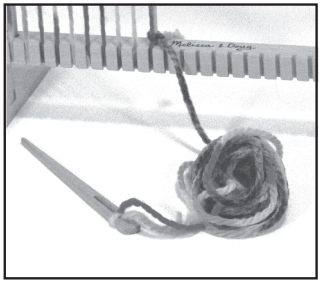
2. Tie the yarn to the top of the left-hand dowel (above the bar).

   Guide the yarn down and up through the notches, filling the weaving area from left to right with vertical strands.

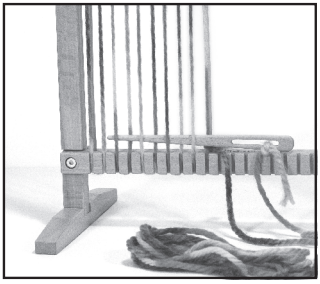
   End with a knot at the top of the right-hand dowel.



3. With a new section of yarn: Tie one end of the yarn to the bottom of the right-hand dowel; tie the other end of the section to the eye of the needle.



4. Work the needle across the loom, going behind one vertical strand and in front of the next.



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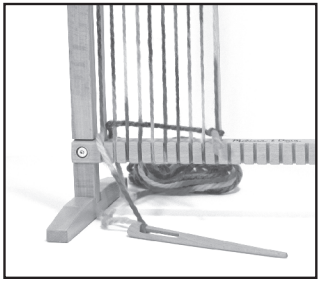

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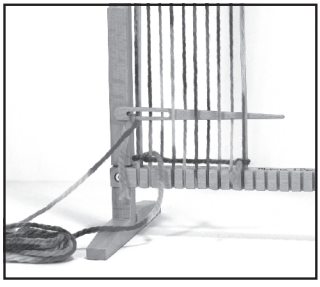

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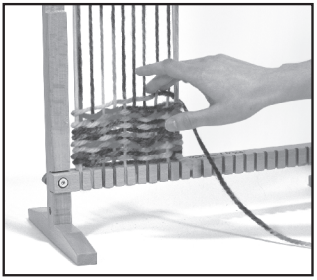
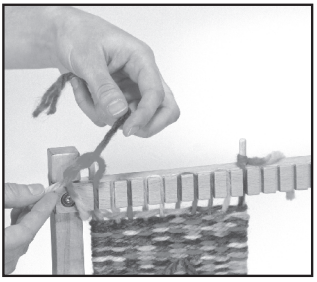
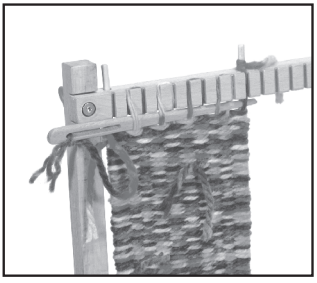


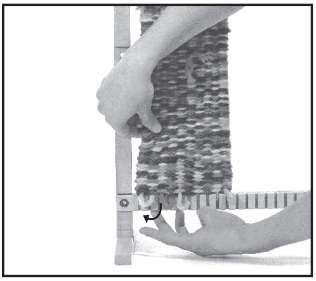
8 When you reach the top bar, untie the knot above the nearest dowel. You should now have 2 loose strands. Tie them together with a double knot.



9 Weave one more row to bring the yarn to the opposite dowel. Untie and double-knot the yarn as before. Then make sure the knots are tight and trim the ends.



10 Remove the dowels, then unhook the yarn panel from the bottom and top bars.

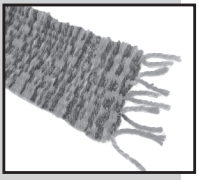


11 Add fringe or more length if you wish. (See below.)

Then try on your snuggly scarf!

Customize It!

- Make an extra-long scarf by weaving two panels and stitching them together with the needle and yarn.
- Connect the ends to each other to make a loop-style scarf.
- You can also loop and tie smaller pieces of yarn (a few inches) at each end to make fringe.



Crafty Carry-All

Loom setup

Tools needed
- Wooden needle
- Scissors (not included)

Yarn needed
- 65 yards (50.4m)

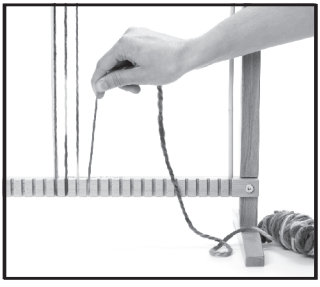
Tip: Divide yarn into several smaller sections to make weaving easier.

1. Frame your workspace as shown above.

2. Tie the yarn to the top of the left-hand dowel (above the bar).

   Guide the yarn down and up through the notches, filling the weaving area from left to right with vertical strands.

   End with a knot at the bottom of the right-hand dowel.



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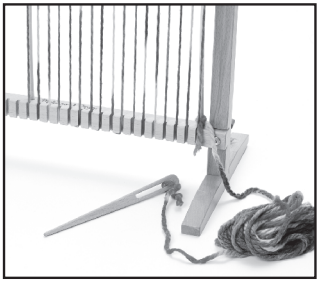

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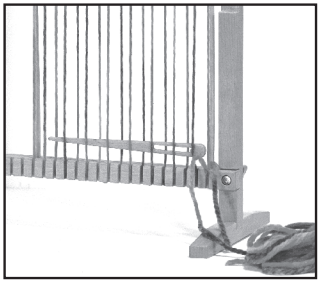

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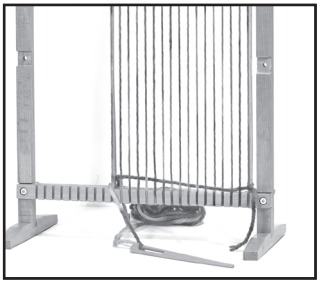

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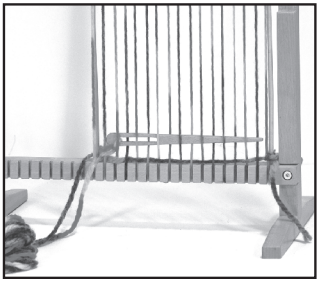

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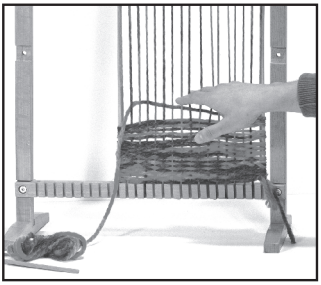
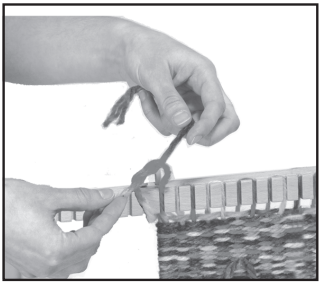
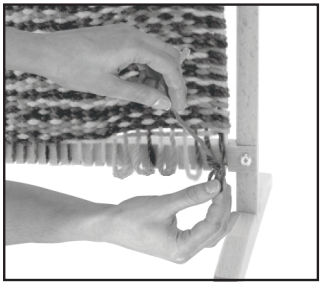


8. Finish at the top left corner, next to your original knot. Untie the knot above the dowel so you are holding 2 loose strands. Tie them together with a double knot.



9. At the bottom right corner, tie a double knot to bind the 2 loose strands from the beginning of the project. Make sure all the knots are tight and trim the ends.



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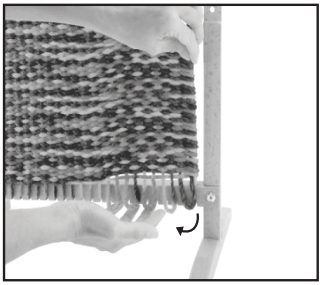


11. Fold the yarn panel so the bottom ⅓ covers the middle ⅓. Then use the needle and yarn to sew the edges together.

Create the strap by braiding 3 lengths of yarn, then tying the braid to the top corners of the carry-all.

Then fill your carry-all with all your favorite treasures!

Customize It!

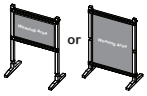
- Add a button on the flap as an accent or under the flap for a cute closure.
- To add fringe, cut the loops at the end of the flap and tie double knots to secure. Do just one at a time to prevent unraveling!

CRAFTY TIP

Before you sew, try different amounts of overlap in your fold. Adjust it to make a shorter carry-all with an extra-long flap, or a longer carry-all with a little flap.

Picture Tapestries

Loom setup



Tools needed

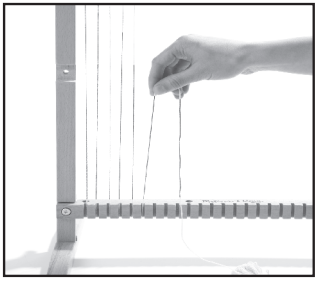
- String for vertical strands
- Numbered picture strips for weaving
- Clear tape (not included)
- Scissors (not included)

1. Frame your workspace as shown above.

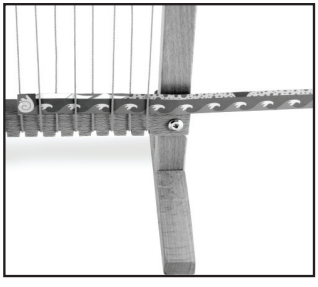
2. Tie the string to the top of the left side frame (above the bar).

   Pull the string tight as you guide it down and up through the notches, filling the weaving area from left to right with vertical strands.

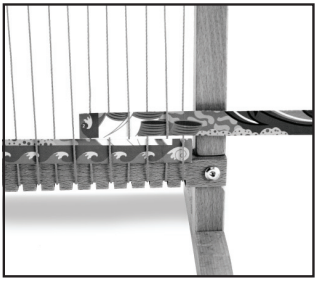
   End with a knot at the top of the right side frame (above the bar).



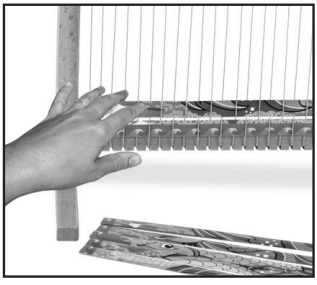
3. Starting with Strip #1 (see the numbers on the far left), weave each picture strip through the vertical strands, going in front of one strand and behind the next. (The picture side should always be facing toward you.)



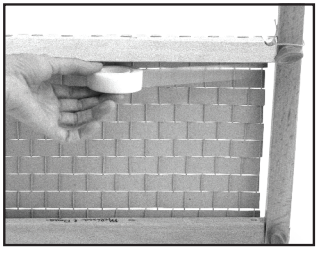
4. Add more rows by weaving the next picture strip across the next row, going in front of the string you went behind before (and vice versa).



5. As you go, gently press down the rows with your fingers. Continue until you reach the top.



6. On the back of the tapestry, add tape around the borders to hold the strips in place. (First, be sure everything is just where you want it.)



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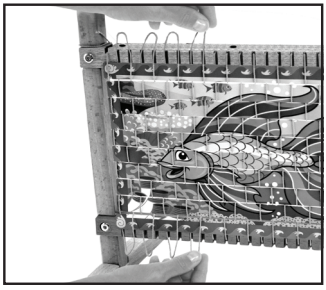
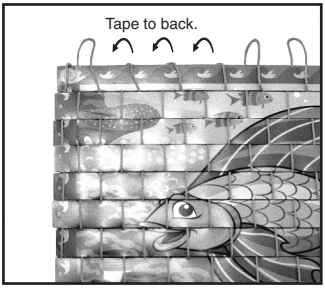


8 Fold loops over and tape to the back of the tapestry. Tape all 12 bottom loops and the 10 center top loops, leaving the upper corners untaped.



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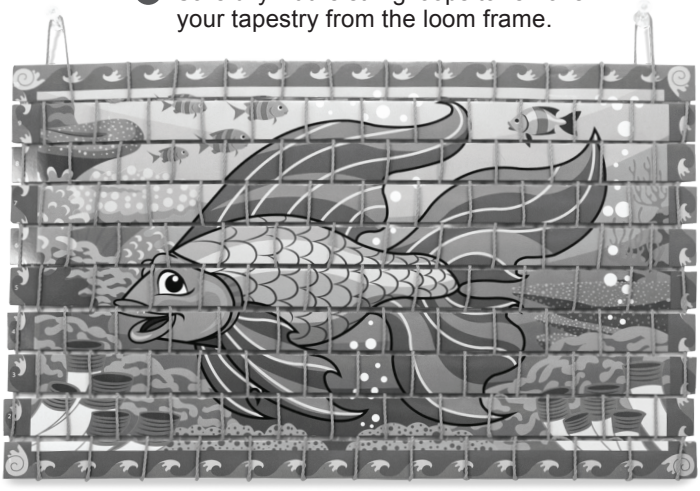

Customize It!

- Use a ribbon or wooden dowel to connect the top loops for hanging.
- Make your own picture tapestry by drawing on poster board, then slicing up the picture to weave on the loom!