Weave a wall hanging

We've received lots of photos of readers doing fun things with their grandparents. It has inspired us, so we've teamed up with the magazine for older people, *Woman's Weekly*, to get people crafting together. Here is a simple weaving idea for a wall hanging that you can share with an older person (they can help with the fiddly bits).

Try these tips too: using thicker materials like chunky wool, fabric or ribbon is quicker than thinner yarns. You can vary the texture and colours – maybe weaving with old shoelaces, lace, gift-wrap, twine or thin fabric strips. Please send us photos of you crafting to *hello@theweekjunior.co.uk* and perhaps we will print your photo in a future issue.

What you need

- A large piece of cardboard
- A ruler
- A pencil
- Scissors
- Ball of string
- Sticky tape
- Coloured wool
- A large-eyed blunt needle (such as a darning needle)

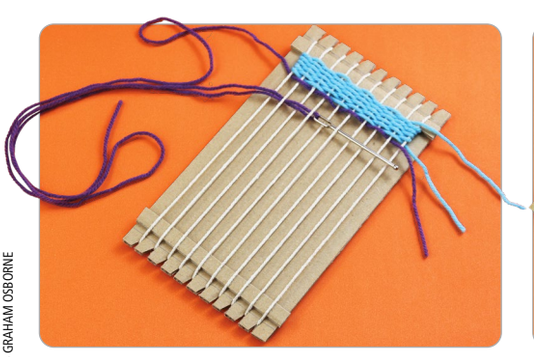
TOP TIPS

You could tie the ends onto a twig to hang it up, or attach tassels or beads to them.

1 Cut a piece of card 11cm x 20cm and divide it into 1cm strips with a pencil. Cut 1cm slits at both ends along the lines, then diagonal snips to make a series of little triangular slots.

2 Push the end of a piece of string through an end slot at the top. Leave a 10cm tail on the back, then fix it with tape. Wrap the string around the card until all the slots are full.

3 Cut two strips measuring 1cm x 11cm out of the spare cardboard and slide them in at the top and bottom to lift up the strings (the warp). Thread the needle with one metre of wool.



4 Weave by pushing the needle over and under the string. As you finish a row (weft), push the wool together. To change colour, leave a tail at the side and start again with another colour.

5 Keep weaving until the loom is full. Try to keep the warp threads parallel so the sides don't pull in. Trim the loose ends to 8–10cm in length, then tie in pairs at the side to secure.

6 Cut the warp threads on the centre back of the card and lift the weaving off. Tie the ends of the warp in pairs to secure them. Tape the side tails to the back or tuck or stitch them in.

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