



WEAVING WONDERS

Use cardboard or an embroidery hoop, a produce bag, a twist tie and string to create a woven masterpiece!

IDEAL AGE: 4+

LEARN TOGETHER

Lacing and stringing materials together helps children develop fine motor skills. It also helps them practice keeping a focused mind and encourages self-expression.

Watch video:

<https://youtu.be/FBxjgzqimgY>

MATERIALS

- Cardboard or embroidery hoop
- Scissors
- Tape or hot glue (if using cardboard)
- Mesh from a produce bag
- Needle, wire or twist tie
- String, yarn, twine or embroidery floss
- Beads (optional)

CREATE TOGETHER

If using cardboard...

- 1 Grab a square piece of cardboard and use it to cut out a slightly smaller square. Save the leftover outside cardboard to make a frame.
- 2 Tape or glue your cardboard frame ends together so it is sturdy
- 3 Grab mesh from a produce bag, and cut it so you can lay the mesh flat over your frame. Cut the mesh to the size of the frame.
- 4 Tape or glue your mesh to the frame.

If using an embroidery hoop...

- 1 Grab mesh from a produce bag, and cut it so you can lay the mesh flat over your embroidery hoop.
- 2 Lay the mesh over the inside hoop, and then lay the larger hoop over top. Tighten the larger hoop.
- 3 Cut the mesh so that there is no excess mesh on the embroidery hoop.

To make a needle out of wire...

- 1 Cut a bendable wire to about 3 inches. Fold it in half. Leaving a small loop at the bend, twist the wire around itself to create a point. This should end up looking something like a needle.

To make a needle out of a twist tie...

- 1 Fold your twist tie in half. Leaving a small loop at the bend, twist the tie around itself to create a point. This should end up looking something like a needle.

To sew and weave...

- 1 Cut a piece of string to about the length of your entire arm.
- 2 Thread the string through your needle and tie the end to your needle OR thread the string halfway and tie the two ends together.
- 3 Pull your needle in and out of your mesh to sew.
- 4 Add beads to your string as desired, just be sure to tie a knot at the end of your string so they don't fall off.
- 5 If you don't want to use a needle, you can use your finger to pull your string through the holes of your mesh.
- 6 Create any pattern or shape as you sew!



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