



Craft Kit 6: Tapestry Weaving

Instructions:

1. Thread yarn through tapestry needle and tie simple knot to secure the thread to the needle.
2. Weave needle through the warp threads (the thread wrapped around the board) in an under, over, under pattern.
3. Pull yarn through and leave two inches of yarn at end, secure end by tucking it through the warp threads in reverse order of under, over, under pattern.
4. Working only on the front side of the board, in each row, reverse the pattern. Join new yarn as needed with a simple knot. Keep securing needle to ends of new yarn. Finish by tucking in end. See step 3.
5. On the back of work, cut the warp threads in the middle of board and carefully remove from mat board.
6. Join warp threads at the bottom in pairs and tie a simple knot. Join warp threads at the top around the dowel rod and tie a simple knot.
7. Tie one side of a long thread on both ends of dowel rod, mount to wall, and enjoy!

For information about weaving and step-by-step instruction,
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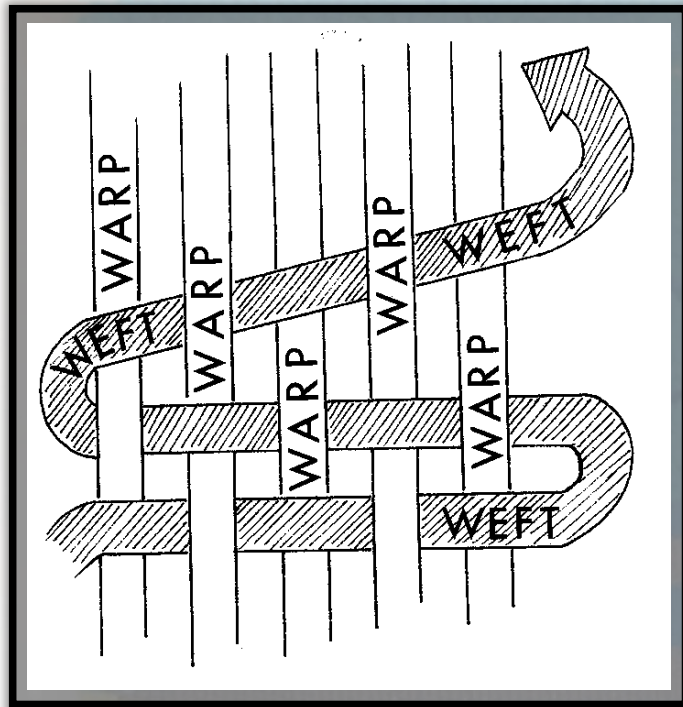
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Tapestry Weaving Craft Kit

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About Weaving



Weaving is a method of textile production in which two different sets of yarns or threads are interlaced at right angles to form a fabric or cloth. The vertical threads are called the **warp** and the horizontal threads are the **weft**.

Cloth is usually woven on a **loom**, a device that holds the warp threads in place while the weft threads are woven through them.

History of Weaving

Weaving is acknowledged as one of the oldest surviving crafts in the world. The tradition of weaving traces back to Neolithic times, approximately 12,000 years ago. Even before the actual process of weaving was discovered, the basic principle of weaving was applied to interlace branches and twigs to create fences, shelters and baskets for protection.



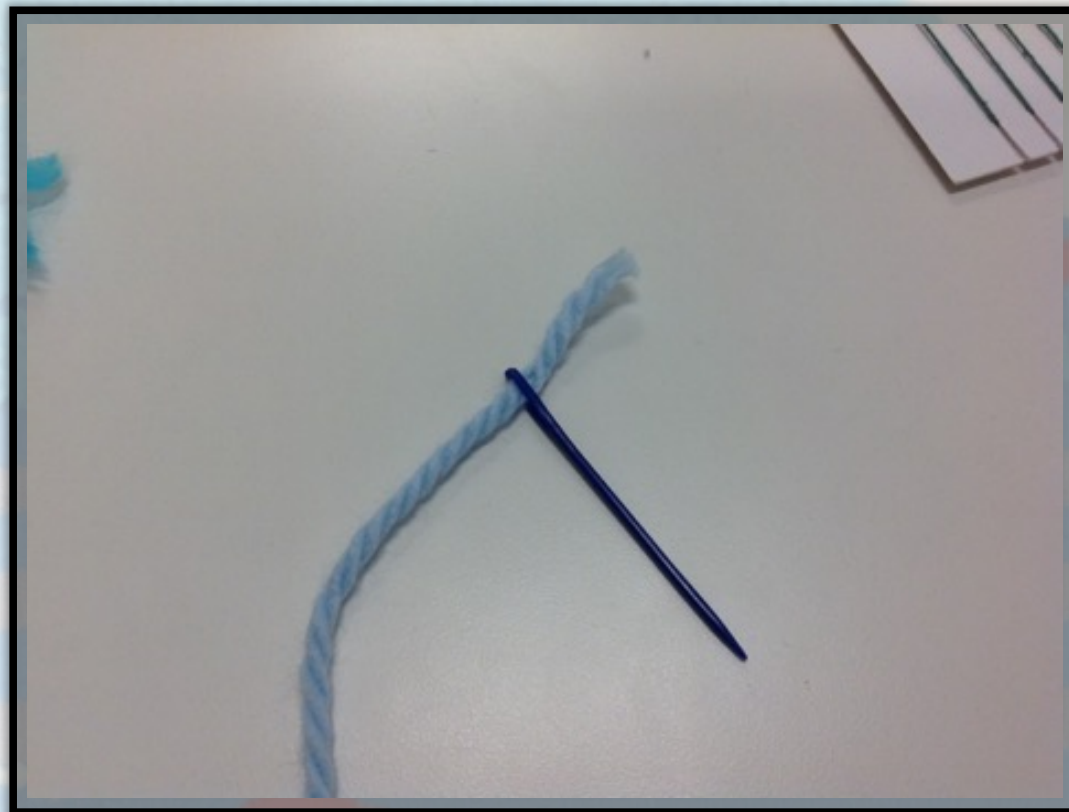
Tapestry Weaving: Materials



- Mat board
- Pieces of yarn
- Tapestry needle
- Dowel rod

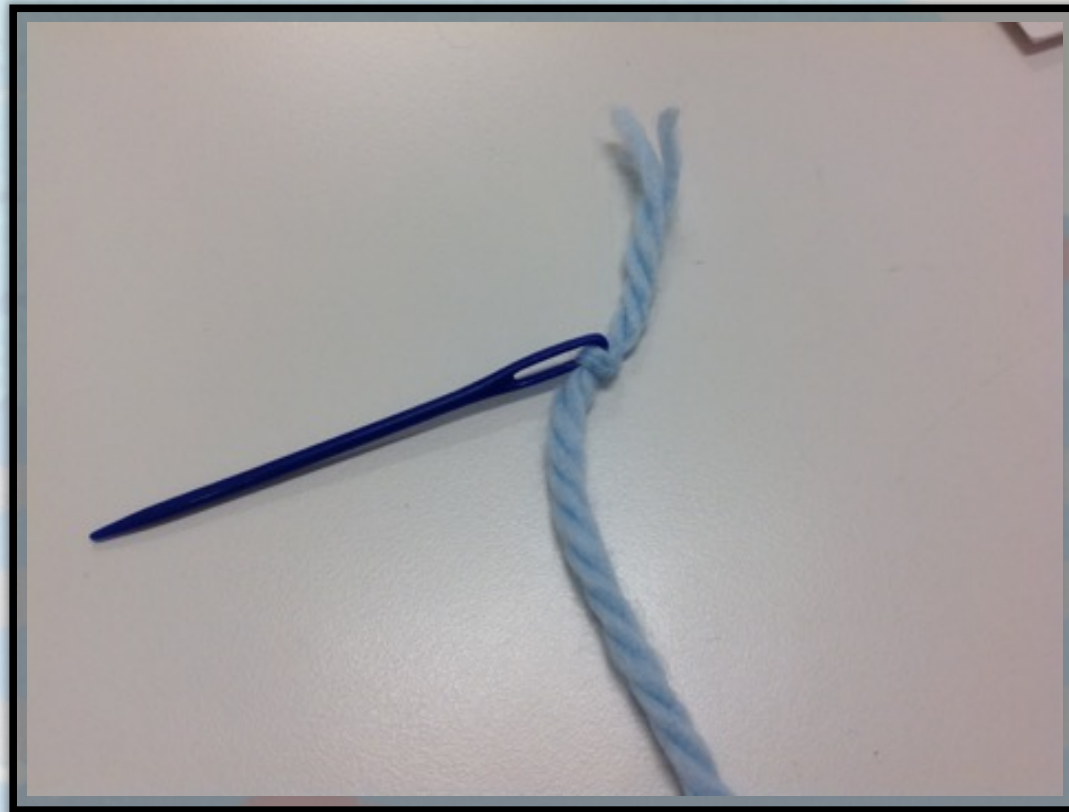
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- Thread the end of one of the yarn pieces through the tapestry needle



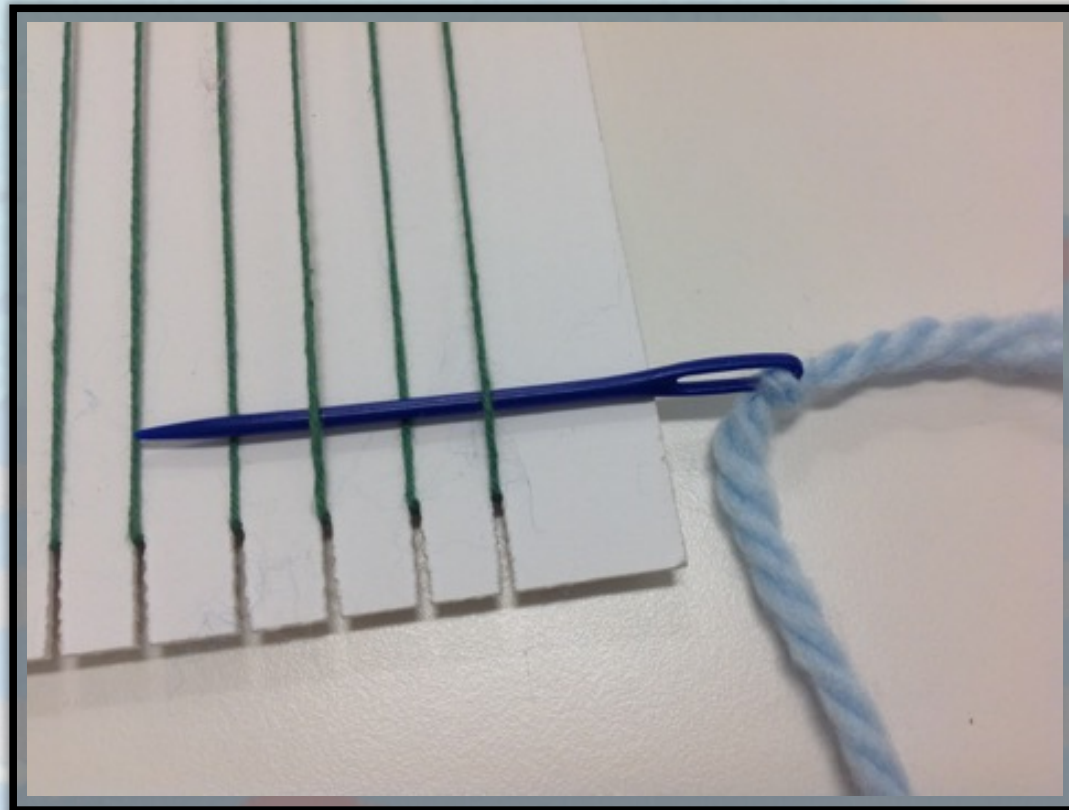
Step 2:

- Tie a simple knot to secure the needle during weaving



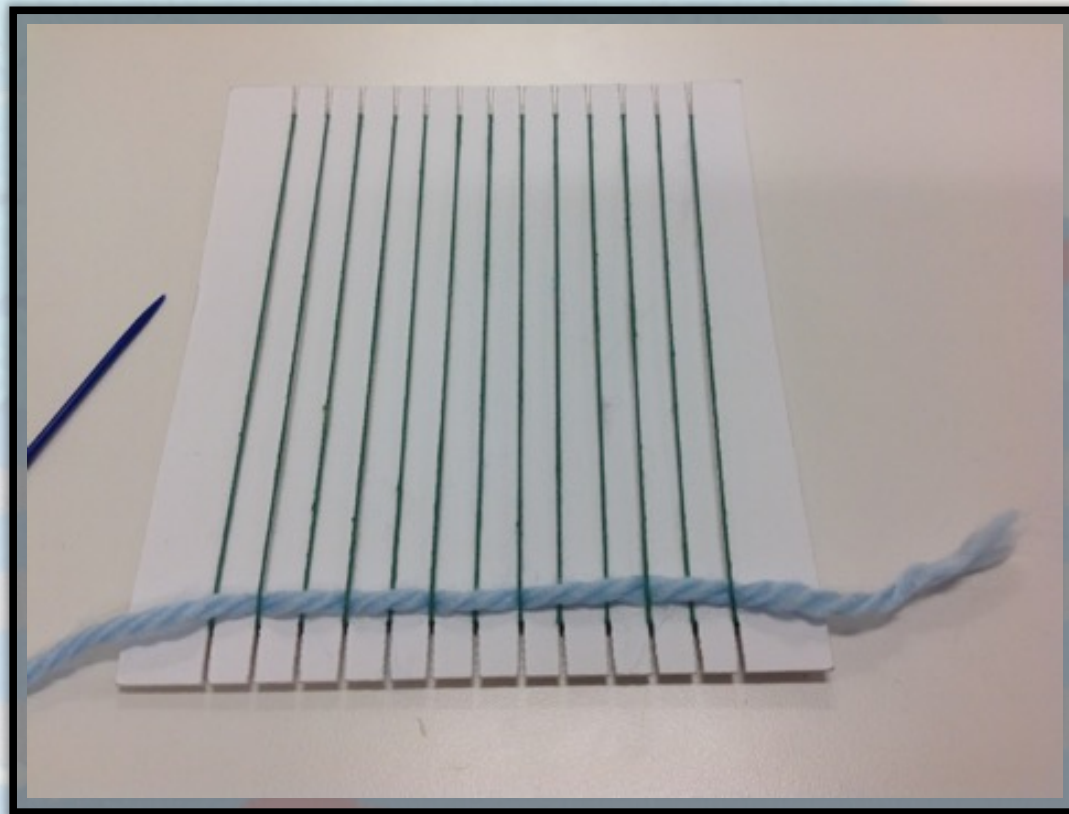
Step 3:

- Begin weaving by repeating a pattern of placing the tapestry needle under then over the warp threads



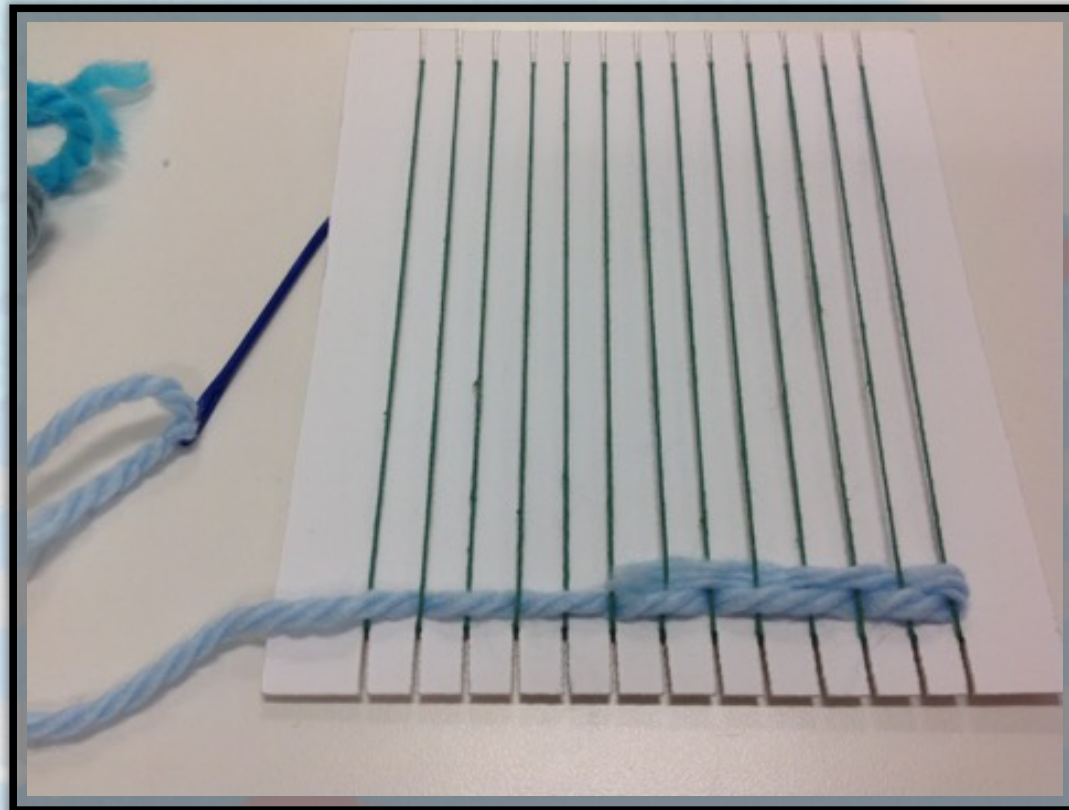
Step 4:

- Pull yarn through till about two inches of yarn is left



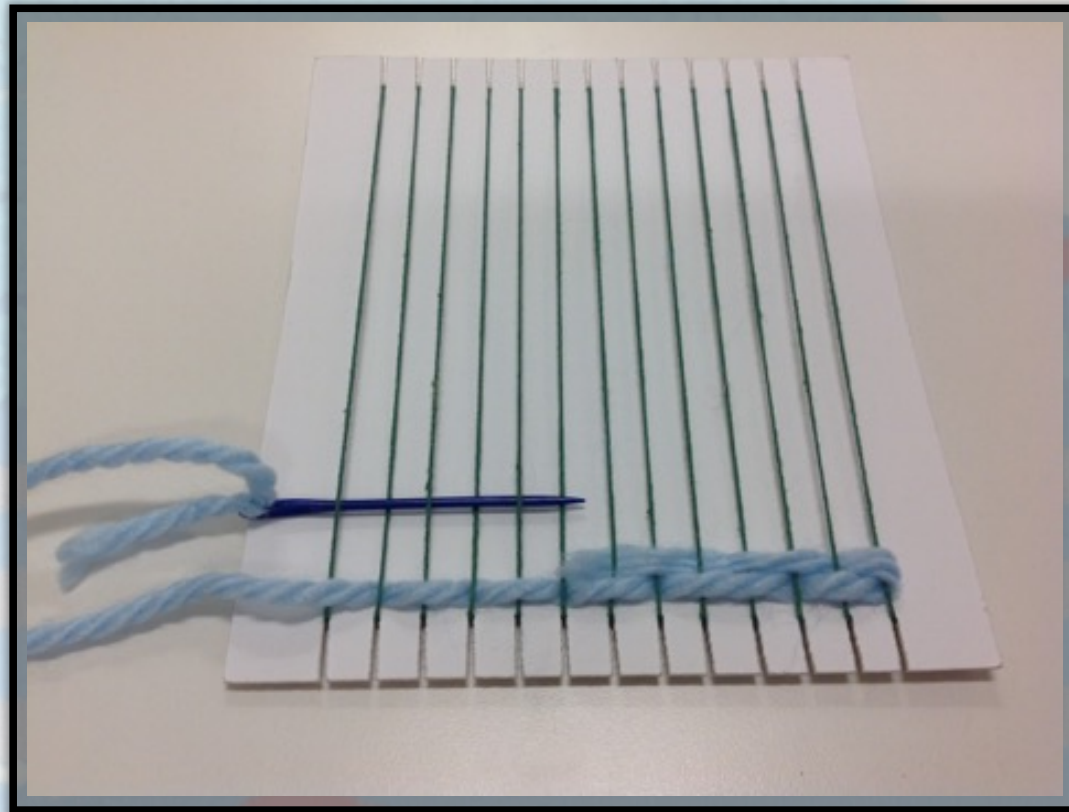
Step 5:

- Secure the end by tucking it into the warp threads, reversing the pattern on the first row



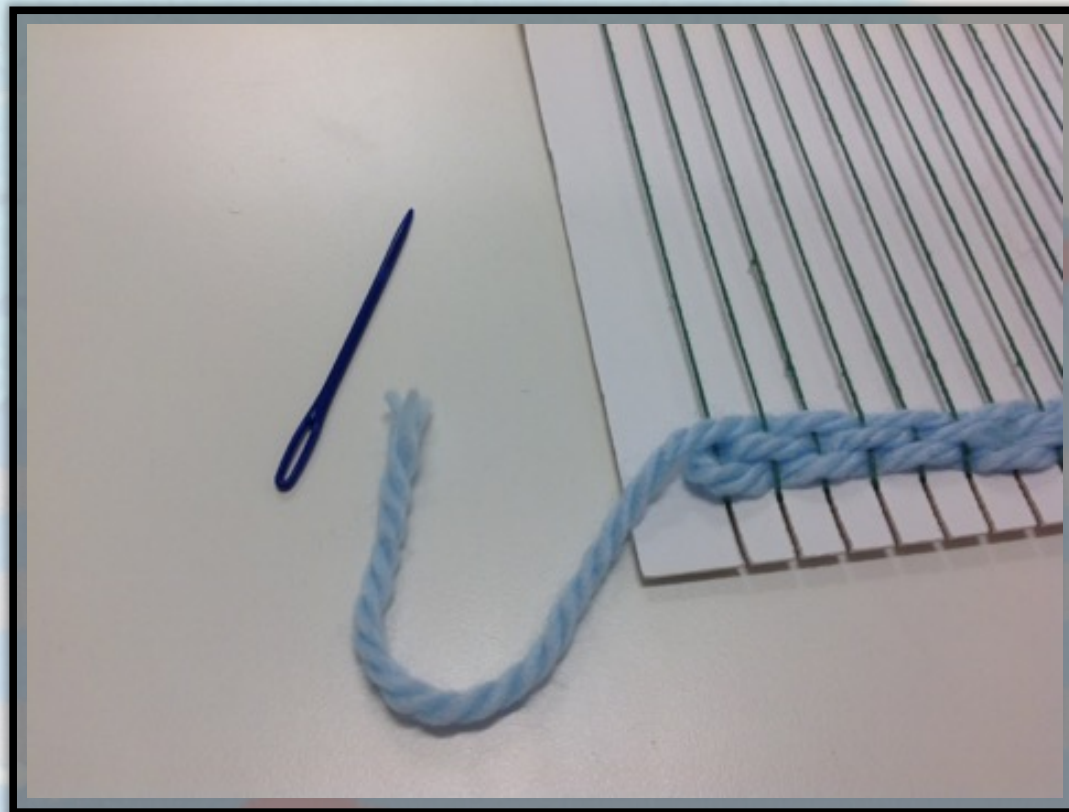
Step 6:

- Begin the next row in the reverse pattern of under over. Example: Row one – under, over, under. Row two – over, under, over.



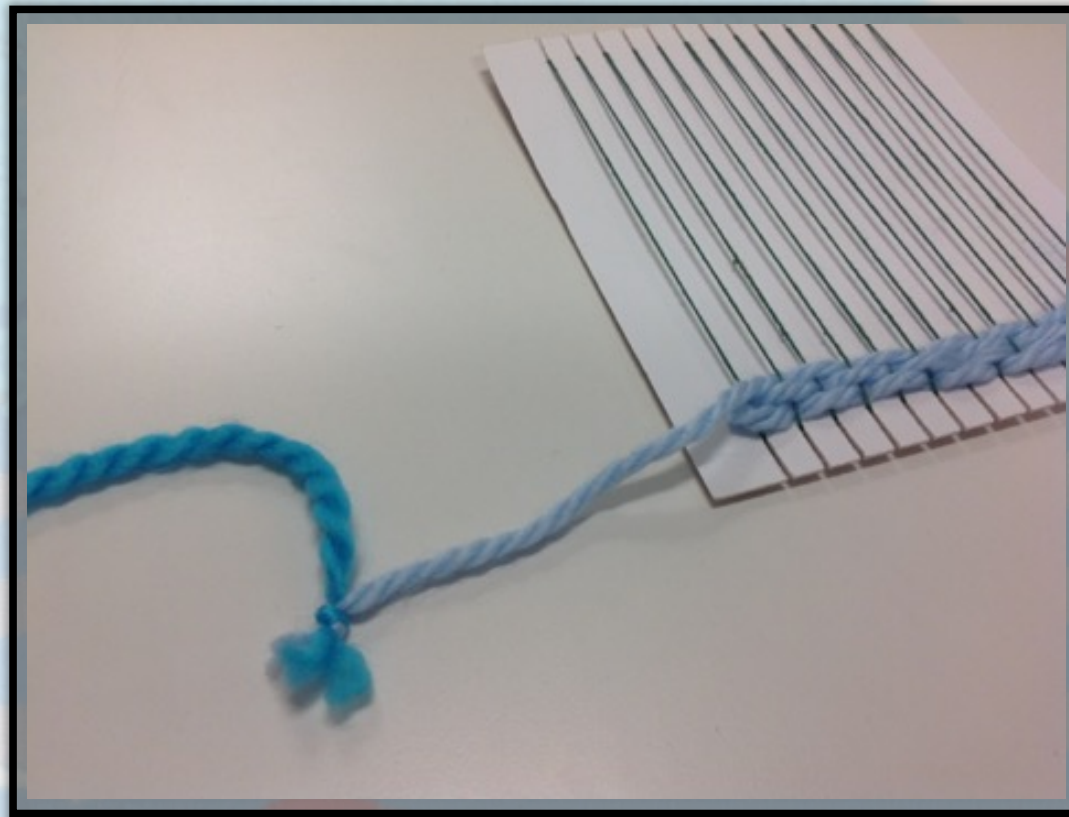
Step 7:

- Remove the needle from the first woven yarn piece by untying the simple knot



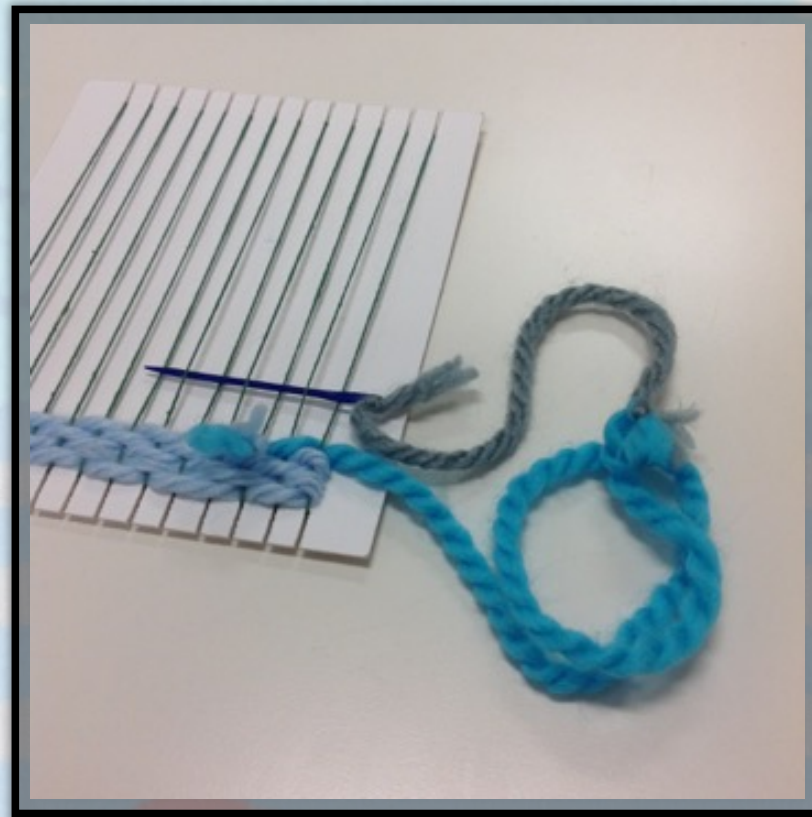
Step 8:

- Join a new piece of yarn to the first woven piece by joining them with a simple knot



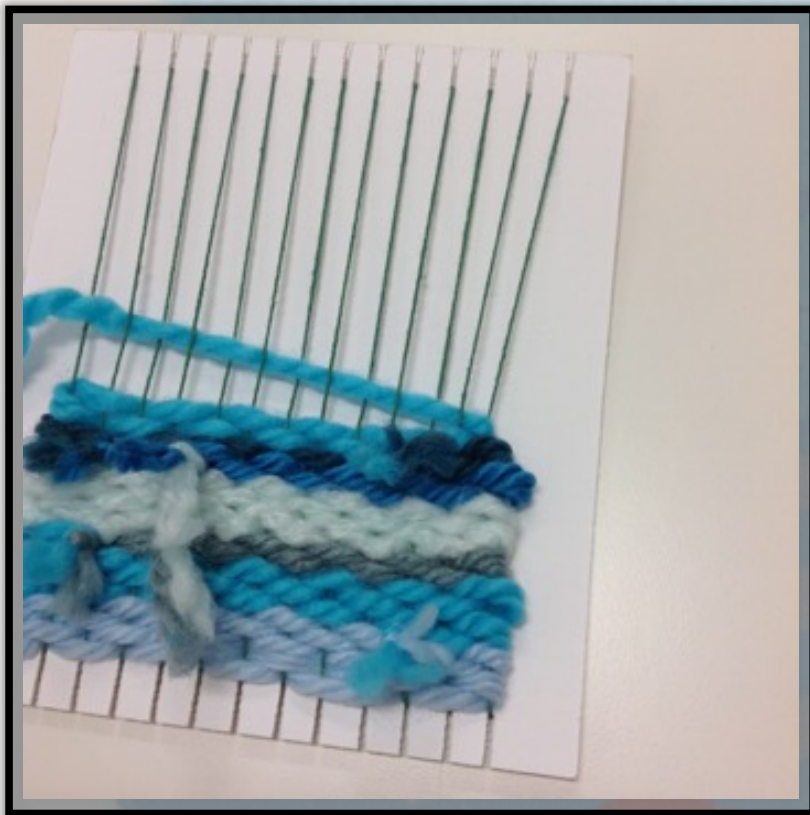
Step 9:

- Keep joining piece of yarn and continue weaving, remembering to reverse the pattern at each new row



Step 11:

- Remember to keep yarn loose at side of the work, if weaving is too tight, it will pull in side of tapestry.



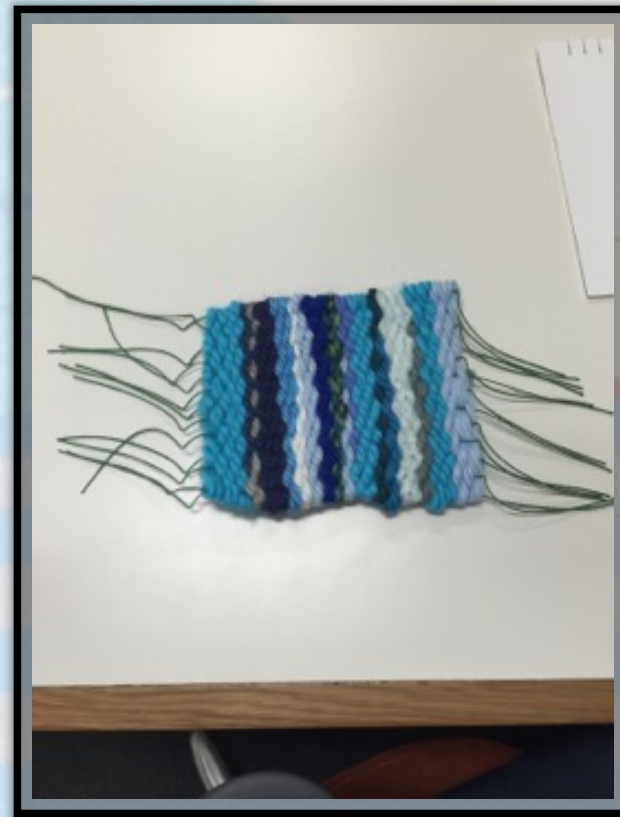
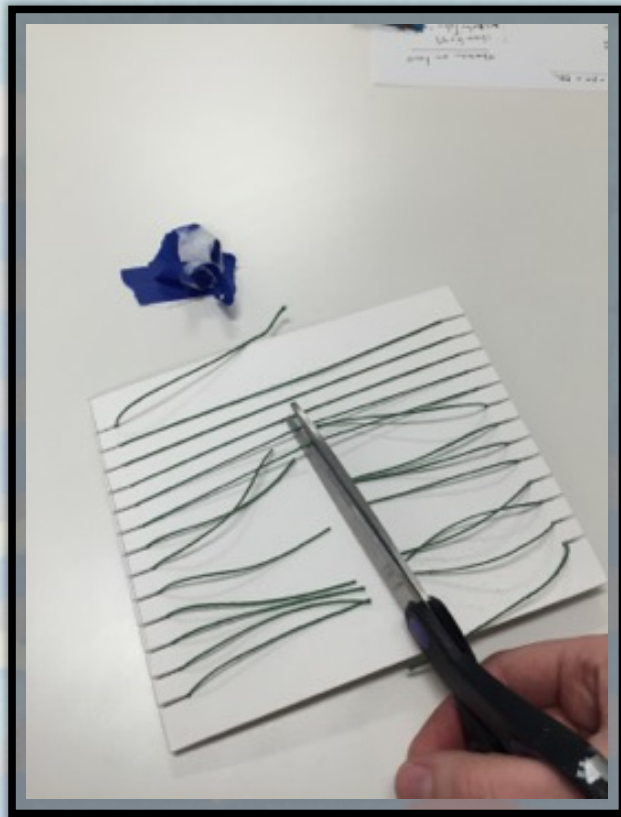
Step 12:

- Secure the end by tucking it through the warp threads just as in step 4.



Step 13:

- On the back of the work, remove the tape and cup the warp threads in the middle of the board and remove the tapestry from the board.



Step 14:

- Tie the warp threads together at the bottom of the piece.



Step 15:

- Tie the warp threads together at the top of the piece around the dowel rod.



Step 16:

- Tie a long piece of thread on the two ends of the dowel rod, hang, and enjoy!

