

**Unit:** Crafts

**Lesson:** Yarn Weaving

**Grade Level:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Learning Objectives:**

Students will learn the basic pattern of weaving.

Students will learn the vocabulary of the weaving technique.

**Yarn Weaving Instructions:**

1. Teacher introduces the materials to the students.

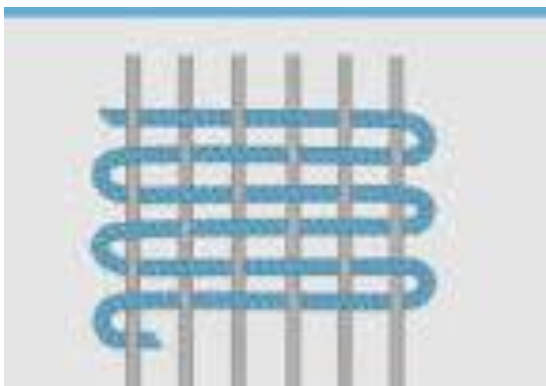
2. Show them your yarn weaving and give them the vocabulary to speak about the parts of the weaving:

- Warp: The threads that are the stable yarns that are on the loom.
- Loom: The structure that holds the yarn in place for the weaving.
- Weft: The yarn that goes left and right through the warp.

3. Ask students what they notice about the patterns they see in your weaving. If you chose to incorporate a color theory element make sure students notice your choices before you leave the whole group.

4. Show students how to create the warp by choosing one color of sturdy yarn and tie off on one tooth of the loom at either end of the loom. Go across the loom longwise and wrap it around the next tooth on the opposite side. (I say make a u-turn) and then return to the next tooth over. Continue this until you reach the other end and each tooth has been used.

5. Next, create the weft.



6. Take a small piece of yarn – I usually tell them to take a piece that is about 3 arm's length long.

7. Continue to weave and alternate over under across the warp.



8. When students run out of yarn, show them how to pick another color or the same color, take a length of yarn, tie them together and then continue weaving.

9. When the entire warp is covered, gently remove the textile from the loom by cutting the vertical strands on the back of the loom and tie them together in a knot two at a time.



10. Cut small white labels and have students write their name on it and tie it to one of the small loops at either end of the textile.



**Vocabulary:**

**Loom** - The cardboard structure that holds the yarn in place for the weaving.

**Weft** - The yarn that goes left and right through the warp.

**Warp** - The vertical threads that are the stable yarns that are on the loom

**Pattern** - The chosen colors and design of the yarn weaved through warp

**Materials:**

Plastic needles

Variety of different colors of yarn

Cardboard loom

Masking tape

Scissors