

Step 7: Weave you're Wool

There are many ways to use wool yarn once it is spun. I can be made into a blanket, sweater, hat, or slippers. One way to do that is by weaving. Weaving is the process of intertwining two sets of yarn in an "over" "under" pattern to create fabric.

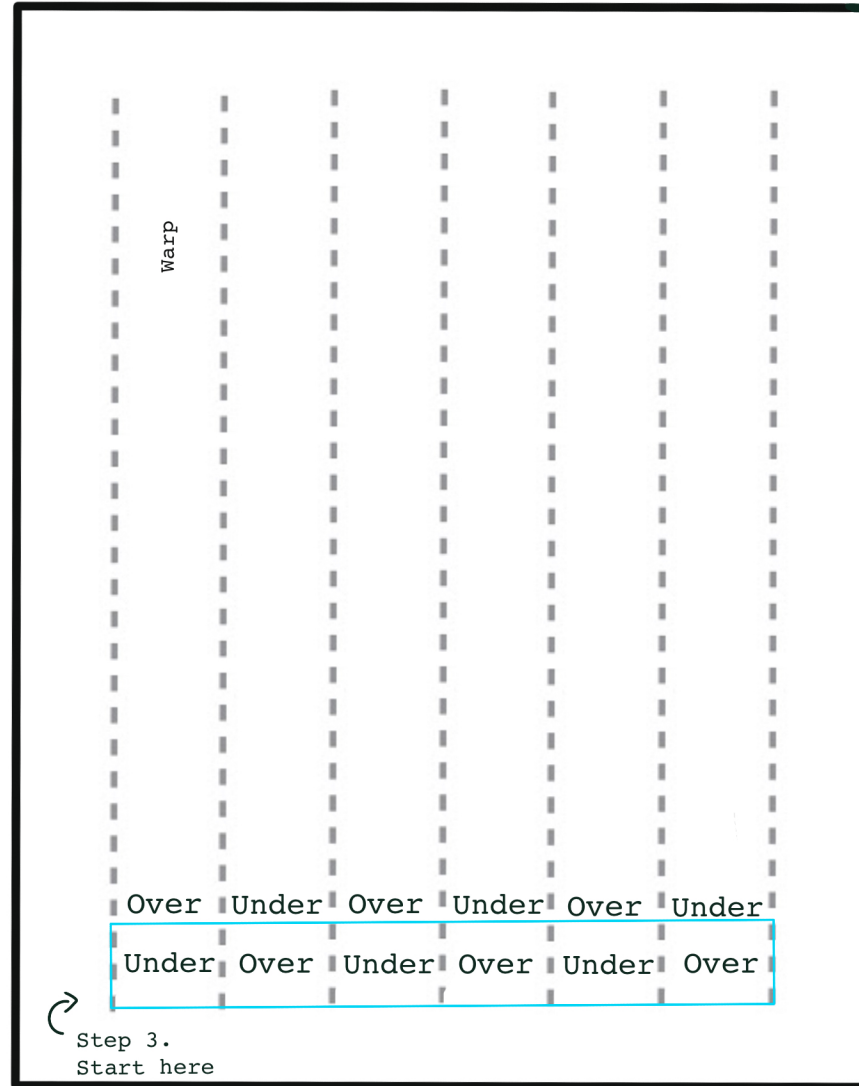
Activity:

For this activity, you will weave the paper together. To do this:

1. Cut along the dotted lines in the large rectangle. This part is going to be the warp (the pieces of yarn or in this case paper that are attached to the loom). Your large rectangle is the loom or frame you weave on.
2. Cut out the smaller black rectangle.
3. Trace that rectangle onto another piece of paper about ten times, and cut these out. These pieces are now your weft (the pieces of yarn/paper going back and forth across the warp)
3. Take your first weft piece and put it under the first warp piece in the blue box where it says "under," then pull it over where it say "over." Do this the whole length until there is no piece of your weft hanging out over either side.
4. Now take another weft piece, and starting from the same side, start with "over" then "under." Keep doing this all the way to the end.
5. Keep doing this until you reach the top of your loom. Make sure you switch your "under then over" pattern one row and then "over then under" the next. Doing this will, keep your finished product from falling apart.

Feel free to color your paper so your finished product is colorful and unique to you. You may also want to glue your strips down if you find they are slipping around.

Loom



Weft: trace onto other paper and make ten of these.

Fun Fact:

All sorts of fun patterns can be made when altering the over/under combination. For example: over, over, under, over, over, under. And the next row, under, under, over, under, under.