

Artist Adela Akers *Afternoon Shadow* is part of the exhibition *A Legacy of Firsts: The Everson Collections*. The piece was created through the process of **weaving**. **Weaving** is a process in which threads are interlaced using a loom. Make your own loom using cardboard to create your own woven piece right at home.



Adela Akers  
*Afternoon Shadow*, ca. 1970  
Wool, cow hair, and linen  
Everson Museum of Art; Purchase Prize given by  
the Helen S. Everson Memorial, 26th Ceramic  
National, 1970, 70.25



## Materials Needed

Cardboard  
Scissors  
Glue  
Yarn



**Step 1**

Grab any size piece of cardboard you want, mine is about 6x7"

**Step 2**

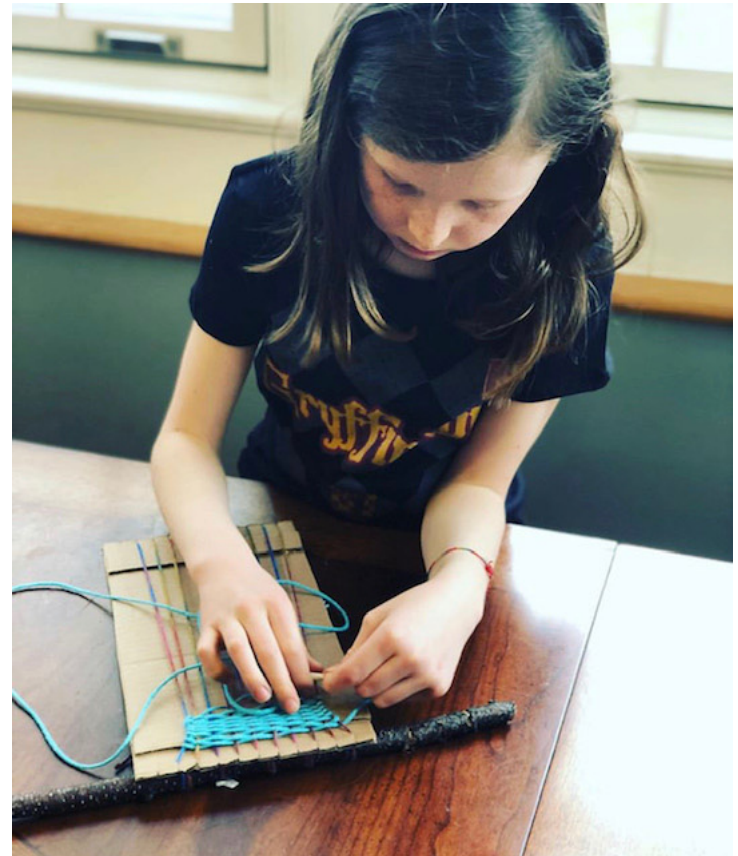
Use a ruler and starting in the middle, mark off every 1/4" all the way across, but leave approximately 1" on either side. Turn the cardboard around and mark in the same increments once again. Make sure you start in the middle at the same point as on the other side, so your loom lines up

**Step 3**

Using scissors cut each mark on each side about 1/4"

**Step 4**

Cut two 1" pieces of cardboard the same width as your loom and glue them on either side of your loom just at the base of your cut marks





### Step 5

Take yarn and tie a knot at the top back of your loom. Begin to work the yarn through the top and bottom and back and forth across the loom, then tie a knot on the bottom back



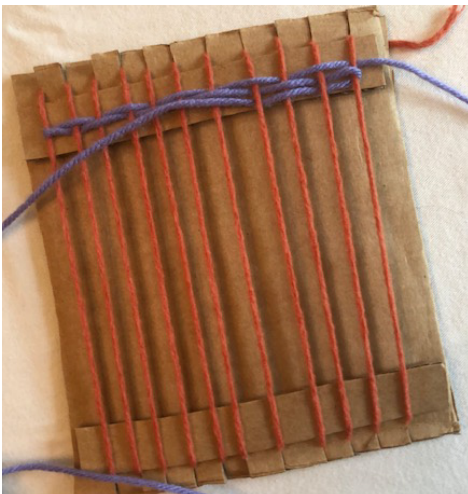
### Step 7

To finish your piece, pull the loops off the top and bottom of the loom. Pull all the loops towards the bottom. Cut the loops on the top and tie at the ends.



### Step 6

Take another length of yarn and begin pulling through, back and forth and forward and back across the loom until complete.



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