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The Art and Math of Tapestry Weaving!



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What is a tapestry weaving?????

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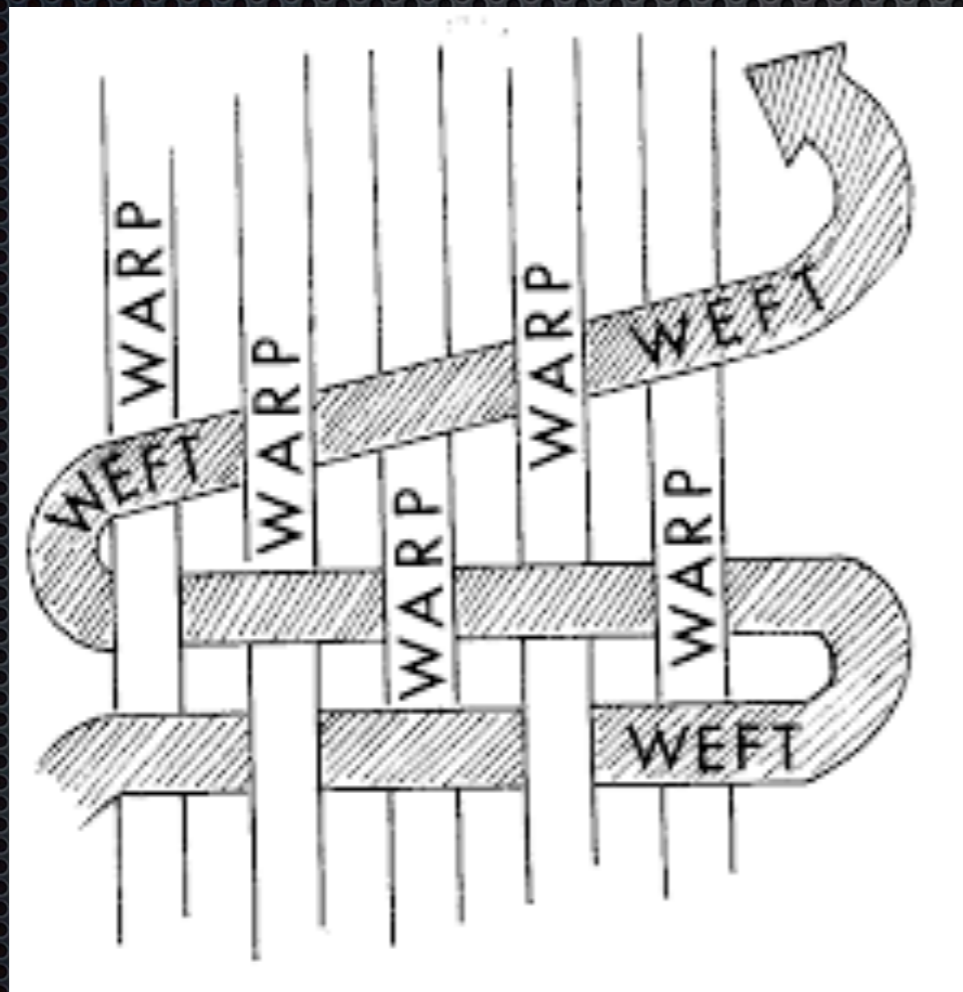
Tapestry is a form of textile art woven on a loom and meant to hang on the wall.

Tapestry weavings were found in ancient Egypt as early as 1388 BC.



In this weaving the artist interlaces the colors in their own small pattern.

Art Vocabulary
Weft
Warp
Beating



Math Vocabulary
Pattern
Odd/Even

Materials

Cardboard

Warp string

Yarn, ribbon, silk

Scissors

Shed Stick (ruler)

Plastic tapestry needle

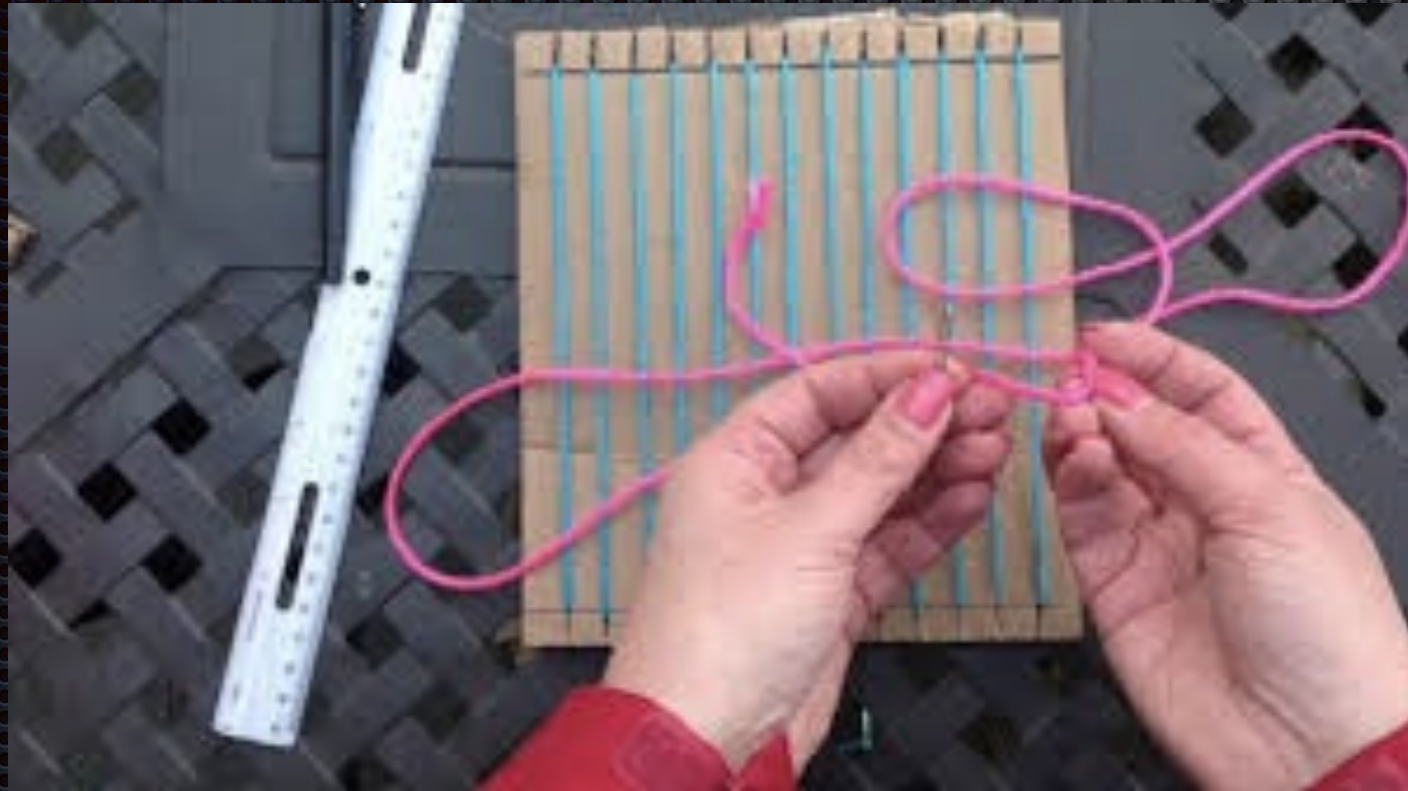




Method:

Begin by cutting 1/4 inch slots at the top and bottom of your cardboard loom. Cut these slots about 1/4 inch long.

Start in the back of the loom and begin **WARPING** the string around the slots.



Next take the color you are weaving with and go over and under the warp all the way across your loom. On the next row do the OPPOSITE and go under then over, alternating back and forth like that.

Continue weaving like this until your loom is full, changing colors as you like. Tie all loose ends in the back of the weaving and remove the weave from the loom by sliding the ends off the cardboard. Tie off ends or add a stick at the top and bottom for stability.



Enjoy your beautiful tapestry weaving!



Extension Activity!

Try weaving on U shaped sticks you collect from outside!

Try different materials such as fabric, feathers, paper... get creative!

Try complex shapes to add challenge!



