

Upcycled Basket

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For 3rd to 5th grade



Weaving is one of the primary methods of textile production and it involves interlinking a set of vertical threads with a set of horizontal threads. The set of vertical threads are known as warp and the set of horizontal threads are known as weft. Weaving can be done by hand or by using machines. Machines used for weaving are called looms. Looms originated from crude wooden frames and gradually transformed into the modern electronic weaving machines. For this project we are going to use a recycled yogurt cup for our loom.

Here are supplies that you are going to need:

- Recycled yogurt cup
- Yarn in your favorite colors
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Sharpies



This is what you do:

1. In order to get a woven basket, you need an odd number of cuts in your container. An odd number allows you to cover the basket fully. I cut my container into 8 one-inch strips and cut one of the strips in half to make nine strips. I also cut the vertical strips all the way to the bottom of the container.

2. Then start weaving in and out of the different sections. With an odd number of sections on the first pass you will have your yarn/string on every second one and then on the second pass the string will be on the other ones.



3. When it's time to switch colors or material just knot the two ends together on the inside.

4. Continue right up to the rim. To complete your upcycled basket wrap the yarn around one of the strips to secure. An alternative is to cut the rim of the cup but you will have a smaller basket.



Extension Activity: **Make a Cardboard Loom**

Here are the instructions: [How to Weave on a Cardboard Loom : 9 Steps \(with Pictures\)](#)



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