Helen Ascoli: Weaving

**STEP 1** Cardboard Cuts
Using corrugated cardboard cut a 6 x 6" square as well as two cardboard strips 5 x 3/4".

**STEP 2** Building a Loom
Using a ruler and pen make half inch marks across the top and bottom edge of your square.

**STEP 3** The Warp
The warp is the vertical lines that form a weaving. Using a tough string, tie a knot at one end.

Slip the knotted end of your string through the first slot of your loom so that the knot is at the back.

Pull the string vertically down to connect it in the bottom slot. Continue until your whole loom is filled.

**STEP 4** The Weft
The weft is the horizontal lines that form a weaving.

Using a linear material such as string, begin weaving your weft through the warp by going over, under, over, under your warp stings.

Pull your string through, leaving a few inches at the end. Go back through your warp the other direction but this time going under, over, under, over.

As your rows start to form, use your finger to pull them to the bottom, compacting them for a strong weave.

**Tips!**
As you begin making your rows be sure not to pull too tight, as this will making it harder to weave your weft pieces.

The materials you use for your weft could be anything from sting to a cut up plastic bag. Don't be afraid to be creative!

Once complete, flip to the back of the loom and cut the warp in the middle. As you pull the warp strings out of the slots tie two together at a time.