

Weave a Mug-Mat

Materials:

- 1 piece of 8" x 8" cardboard with 10 to 12 evenly spaced short notches cut into 2 opposite sides - this is your LOOM
- 12' to 15' twine or yarn - this is your WARP
- pieces of rag cloth, cut or torn into narrow (1/2") strips - these are your WEAVERS

1. Starting in one corner of the cardboard, wrap the twine or yarn around the Loom. Be sure that the Warp goes into each notch, and is not so tight that it makes the cardboard bend. After the warp goes around the last pair of notches, tie it off with the end from the beginning of the warp. The side with the knot will be the back of your mat.
2. Take a piece of rag and weave it over and under your warp threads close to one notched end of your loom.
3. When you come to the end of the row, go back the other way, going under the threads you went over, and over the ones you went under. Pack your weaving rows close together but don't pull them in too tightly on the left or right.
4. Continue going back and forth, adding new pieces of rag as needed, until you reach the other notched end of the loom.
5. Tuck in any loose ends of rag. Cut your last piece of rag, leaving a short tail, and weave that back into the mat.
6. On the back of the loom, cut your warp yarns in the middle, 2 at a time.
7. Tie these pairs of warps together at the sides of your mat, making your knots close to the woven rag edge to keep it from coming apart. Then cut the next 2 warps and tie knots in those, working your way down to the last pair. You can leave the warp ends as fringe, or trim them close to the knots, leaving about 1/2" so they don't come loose.