

How to Weave using a Paper Plate Loom

- Supplies:**
- A paper or styrofoam plate
 - Yarn(s) of your choice (consider material and colour)
 - Scissors
 - Tape

Instructions:

1. To make the loom, take a paper or styrofoam plate, and make twelve small cuts along the top of the plate, and twelve along the bottom of the plate, across from the top ones. Make sure the distance between cuts are equal and not too wide.
2. Decide what yarn will be used as the base. It will not be very visible, except as strings hanging off the end of the weaving at the end.
3. On the backside of the plate, tape the end of the yarn off to the side, and begin to thread the yarn through the cuts, going through the top cut down through the corresponding bottom cut, and around back to the top again. Repeat until all cuts have yarn strung through. Do not pull too tight. Tape the other end of the yarn again to the back of the plate, to the side.
4. Take your yarn of choice and tie the end of it to the top of the first vertical string to secure it. Weave the yarn horizontally between the vertical strings, alternating going over and under each string. Make sure your rows are close together so there are no holes, but do not pull the strings too tightly.
5. Once you reach the other side, go the opposite way horizontally across, still alternating over and under between strings. The strings that the yarn went over in the last row should now be going under, and vice versa.
6. Once you reach the desired length of weaving, tie a knot to secure the end of the yarn.
7. Cut the vertical strings on the back of the plate, and remove the tape from the two ends.
8. Take string 1 and string 2 and tie them in a knot. Repeat with strings 3 and 4, 5 and 6, etc until all are tied up. You may wish to adjust the lengths of the strings by trimming the ends to an even or shorter length.