

How to Weave with Drinking Straws and Yarn

Materials Needed:

- 3-5 **drinking straws** (straight straws are easier to use than the ones that bend)
- Yarn
- Tape (to hold the straws in place while weaving)
- Scissors



How To Weave: You can [watch this instructional video](#) or follow the written instructions below.

Tape straws

- Line up the 3 straws next to one another and tape them together at one end, leaving a very small gap between the straws.

Weave

- You can either hold the straws in one hand or attach the taped end of the straws to a table with more tape. This will keep them from moving and allow you to concentrate on weaving.
- To weave on your straws, insert your yarn between two of the straws, close to the taped end. Leave a long tail of yarn sticking out! Take the other end of the yarn and weave it over and under the straws until you get to the 3rd straw. Then, change direction and weave your way back to the first straw, under and over. Repeat this motion as you weave your way up the straws.
- From time to time, stop and slide your weaving down towards the taped end, so your stitches are snug. Weave to the top end of the straws.
- Keep following the over, under, over, under weaving pattern until you're happy with the length of your weaving. You might want to make it into a bracelet if it fits comfortably around your wrist!

Prepare to take your weaving off the straws

- When you get to the end of the straws, snip your yarn, leaving a tail.
- If you have taped the straws to the table, remove the tape.

- Cut 3 new pieces of yarn that are several inches longer than the straws and drop one piece through each straw.

Helpful Tip: *Having trouble threading the yarn through the straws? Use a wooden skewer or knitting needle to push the yarn through each straw.*

Tie the top tails

- At the top (untaped) end of the straws, tie the yarn you weaved with to one of the new pieces of yarn. Secure it with a knot.
- Knot the other two pieces of yarn together. Then tie all 4 tails together in one knot.

Slide project off straws

- Gently push and shimmy your weaving off the straws. If it got a little messy when you slid it off the straws, lay it flat on the table and gently smooth it out, reshaping any areas that might need it.

Tie the bottom tails

- Much like you did with the top tails, knot the bottom tails together. If you want, tie the ends together to make a bracelet and slide it onto your wrist.

More Activities

Weaving

Did you enjoy this activity? Try weaving on a cardboard loom! These videos will get you started:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWLly-Um7_0 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvFn4r_5i1g
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NBmfNr73EY>

Knitting

Knitting is another fun activity you can do with yarn, interested? You might want to try your hand at Finger Knitting! This video is a good one to get you going:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsZsUBYU0qU>

Or you can learn how to make a knitting loom with this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsZsUBYU0qU>

Are you ready to try knitting with needles? It's not that hard, and this video is a good place to start:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_R1UDsNOMk

Crochet

Want to create something beautiful with just a hook? You might want to try crocheting! Here are two videos to get you started:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAxGTnVNJiE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBj6MyMu9pU>