



DIY Weaving Project Using T-Shirt Yarn

Materials needed:

1. T-shirts you want to upcycle (maybe shirts that have been outgrown, stained, or lost its shape). This project uses one adult T-shirt, but of you want to add more colors, you will need more shirts.
2. Fabric scissors (or regular scissors if you don't have any fabric scissors)
3. Cardboard (reuse old boxes, thicker is better, but cereal boxes will work too)

Time to complete: approx. 2 hours

Part 1: How to Make T-Shirt Yarn (approx. 30 min.)

Part 2: Weaving a Mini Pouch (approx.1.5 hours)

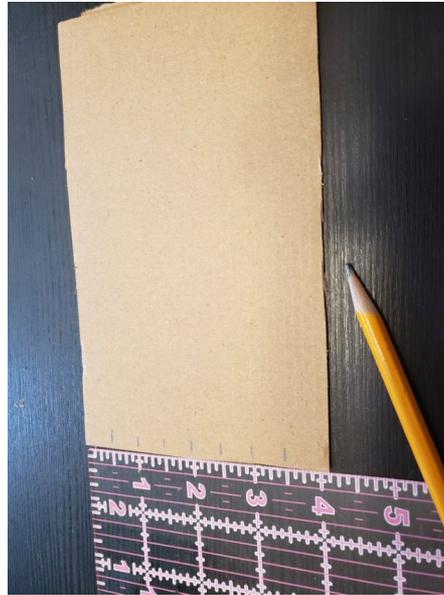
PART 2: WEAVING A MINI POUCH

Step 1: Preparing a Cardboard Loom

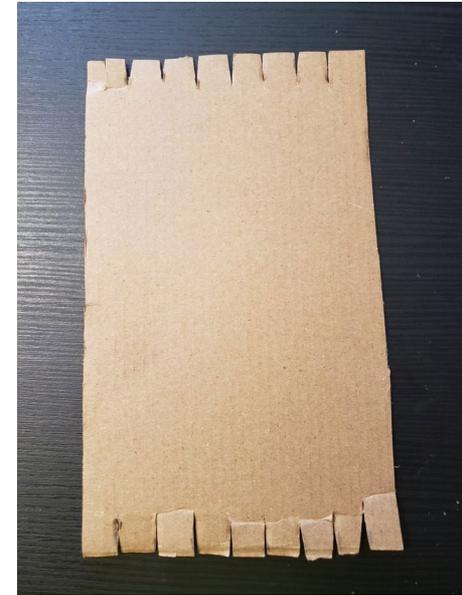
What is a Loom?

A loom is a tool used to weave cloth or tapestry. There are two sets of thread used to create woven cloth, the **WARP** and the **WEFT**. The warp threads are stationary and are held in tension by the loom while the weft threads are interlaced over and under the warp threads.

For this pouch project, we will make a loom from a piece of cardboard.

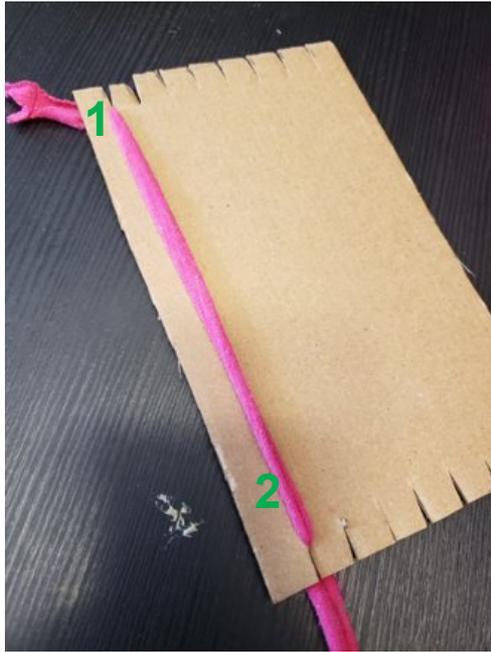


Step 1A: Cut a 4-inch x 7-inch piece of cardboard. Mark out $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch intervals on the shorter ends.

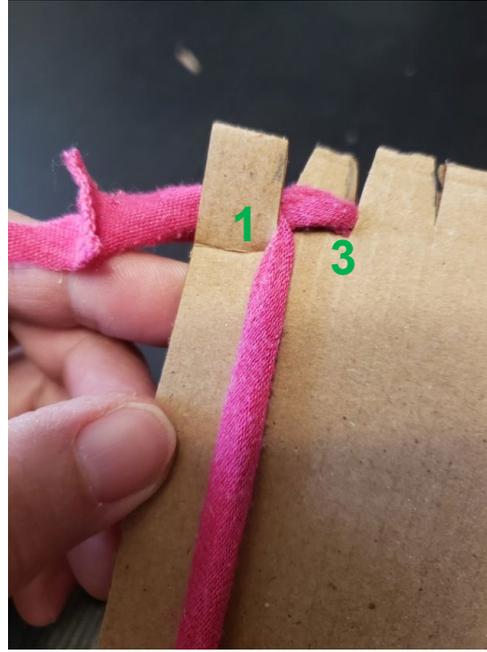


Step 1B: Following your marks, cut out $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch notches. This will be your loom.

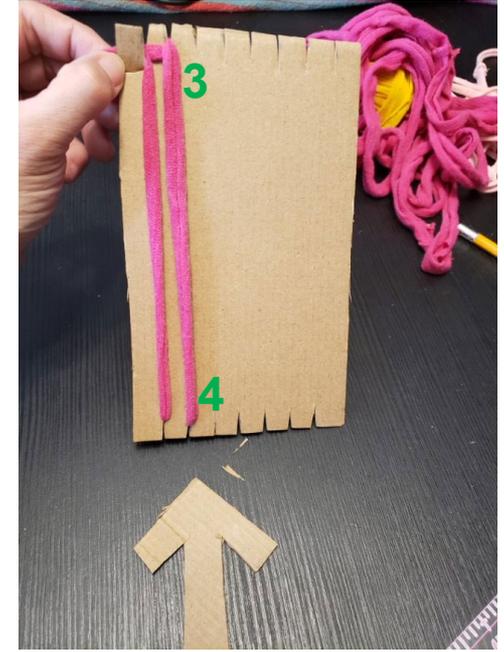
Step 2: Preparing your Warp



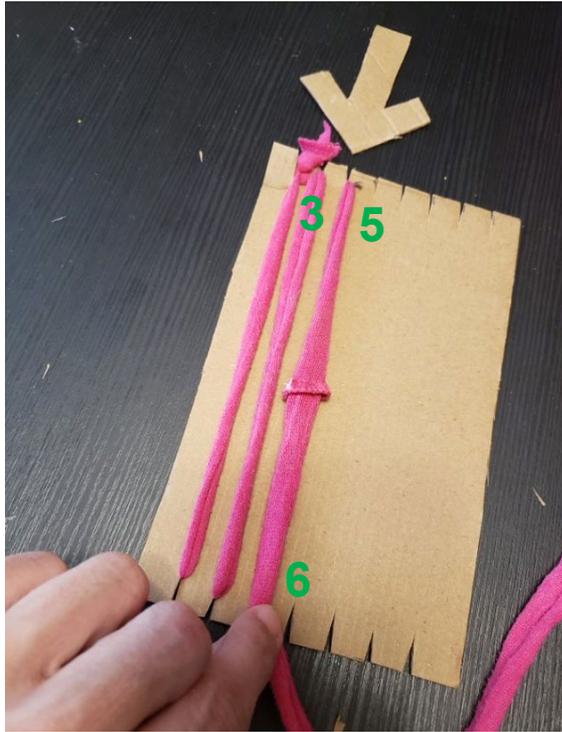
Step 2A: (For how to make T-shirt yarn, which is used in this sample, see Part 1 of our tutorial.) Insert one end of your yarn into the first notch **1** on top, bring it down, inserting into bottom notch **2**, towards the back of the loom.



Step 2B: From the back of the loom, bring yarn back up to point **1**, coming out to the front, then going horizontally into notch **3**, towards the back.

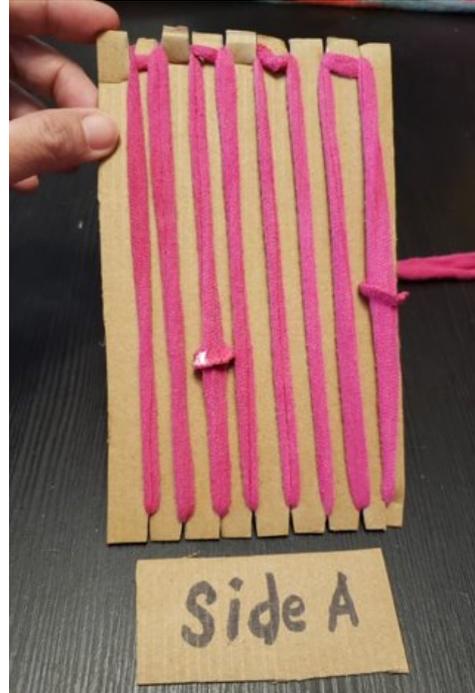


Step 2C: From the back of the loom, bring yarn to notch **4**, coming out to the front, then going back up the front to notch **3**.

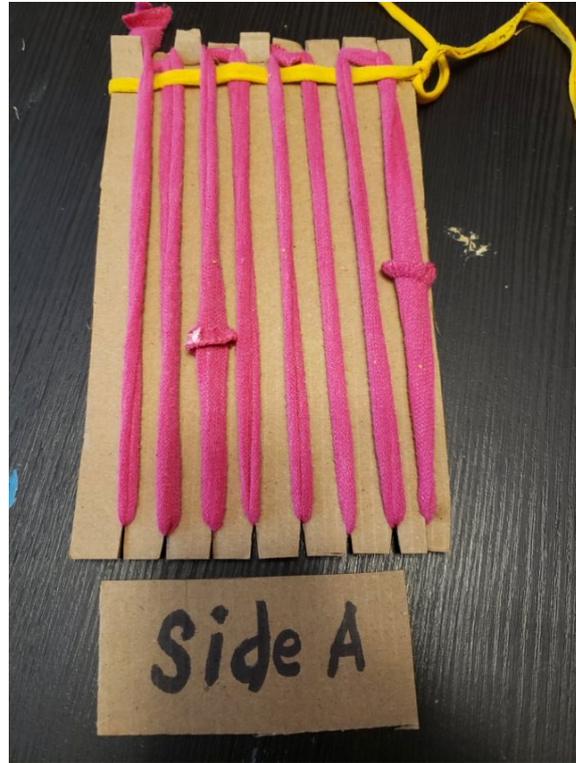


Step 2D: From the back of the loom at notch **3**, bring yarn to notch **5**, coming out to the front, then going back down to notch **6**. Continue the steps until the warp is complete.

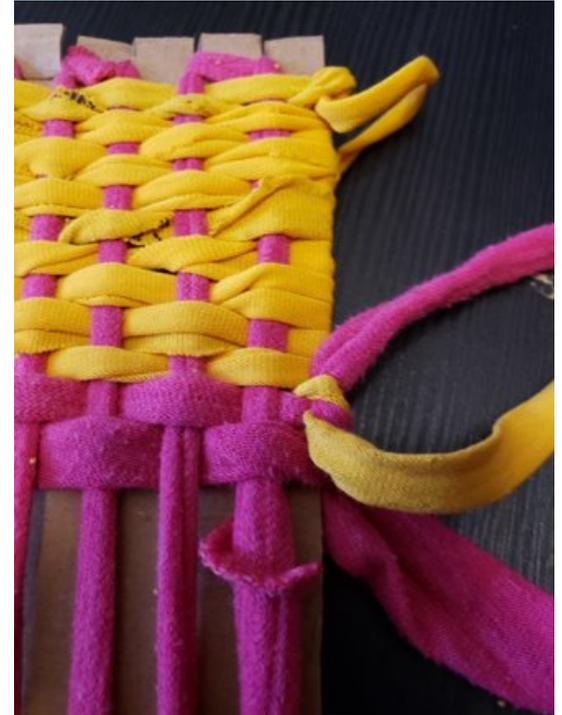
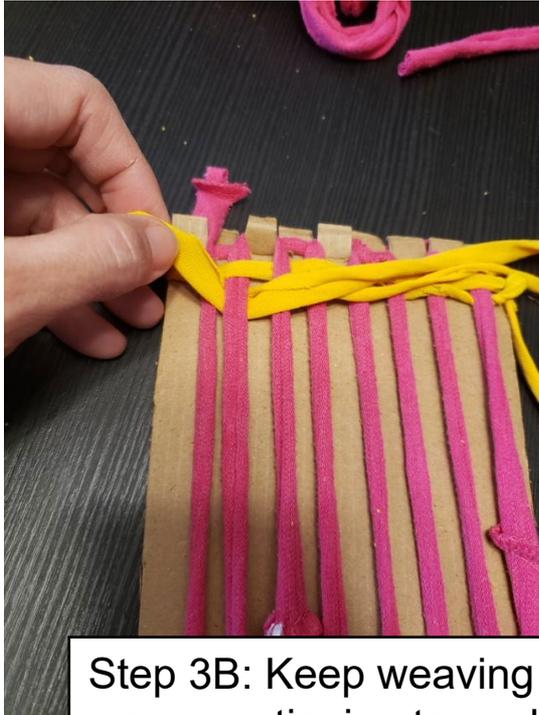
Your warp will look like this



Step 3: Weaving your Weft



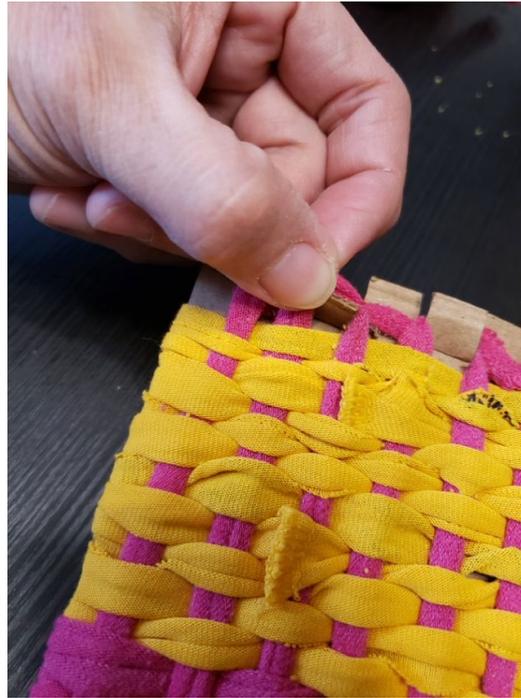
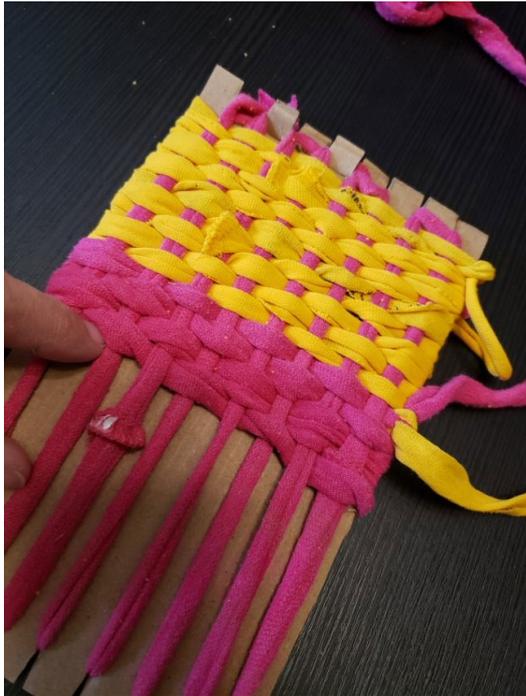
Step 3A: Start by weaving the yarn across the warp, starting from one end, and alternating going over and under. When you get to the end of the row, flip the loom and continue weaving until you across the reverse side until you reach the starting point. Tie a double knot to secure the weft.



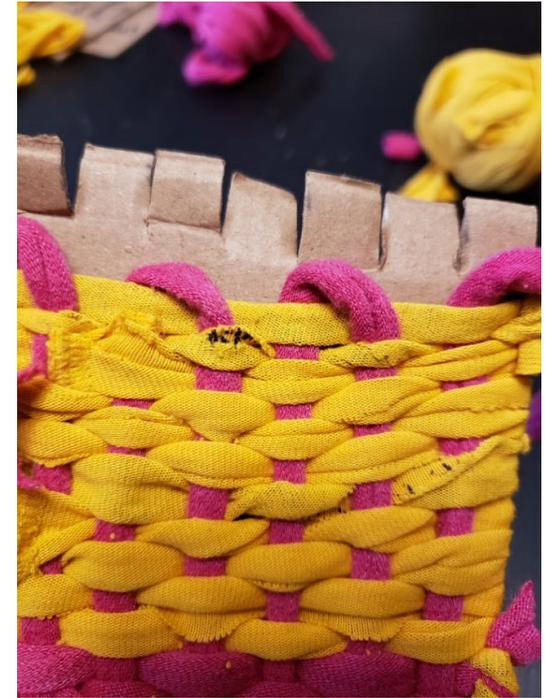
Step 3B: Keep weaving the yarn through the warp, continuing to work across the front and back of the loom. You can add patterns by changing yarn colours. Tie the ends of yarn together to secure them in place.

Tip:

Try to keep tension consistent while weaving so your piece is even. You can push up the weft to tighten the weave.



Step 3C: When you reach the bottom, tie the end of the yarn to secure it.



Step 3D: Carefully unhook the top loops of your warp.



Step 3D: Remove the cardboard.



See how an opening is formed with a double-sided loom. You can tie more yarn to the leftover warp ends to make a strap.



And you've made your own mini pouch from upcycled materials!