Simple Loom

This activity explores

Patterns

Learning Goal

Practice creating patterns.



What You'll Need

- Popsicle sticks
- 4-5 feet of string
- 6-inch square piece of fabric
- Ribbon or yarn
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun, glue or tape

Steps

- **1. Make a frame!** Arrange 4 popsicle sticks into a square for the frame. Glue together. Then cut the ribbon or yarn into pieces that are a few inches longer than the popsicle sticks.
- 2. Wrap the string! Tie the end of the string around the stick at the bottom of the square and wrap twice around the popsicle stick at the top. Pull down and wrap twice around the popsicle stick at the bottom. Repeat until the loom has six or more vertical threads. Make the spaces between them even. Tie the end of the string around the bottom popsicle stick. Trim off excess.

Watch Video



3. Weave a pattern! Choose a repeating pattern to weave using different colored yarn or ribbon. Pull the pieces of material horizontally over and under the vertical threads in the loom.

Talk Together

- Look at the pattern I made. Can you try copying it with your yarn?
- Under, over, under ...
 What comes next in the pattern?

Book Suggestion

Bracelets for Bina's
Brothers,
written by Rajani LaRocca
and illustrated by Chaaya
Prabhat

Online Game

Peg + Cat: Music Maker

pbskids.org/peg/games/
music-maker/

