

WEAVING

You don't need an expensive loom to start weaving.

You can use stiff cardboard, shoe boxes, tree branches and recycled food packaging e.g. polystyrene trays. These items create a frame on which you put your warp.

Warp - the vertical threads in a weaving. These threads need to be strong.

Weft - the horizontal threads in a weaving. You can use all sorts of materials for the weft. For example:

Wool	Use different thicknesses and textures. Natural or synthetic yarns. Think about the colours. Combine a few strands of yarn in one weft to create subtle variations in colour.
Threads and string	Embroidery threads, ribbons, Look for frayed, washed-up, plastic fishing rope on the beach.
Paper and polythene	Strips of different kinds of paper; e.g. Tissue, metallic paper, marbled or painted papers. Paper which has been crushed, twisted, rolled etc. Cut plastic carrier bags into strips - look for bright colours.
Fabric	Strips of fabric are easy to weave and give interesting results.
Nature	Twigs Grasses and leaves Seaweed Feathers

You can threads beads onto the weft.

Think about tying shells, pebbles, seedheads, fir cones, tassels to the bottom of your weaving.