

Weave this carry-all bag from Maine handspun yarn that will hold all your essentials, from phone to money.

Become a fiber artist by creating this functional, hand woven bag with a single selvedge design.

Perfect as a gift or to hold your treasured items.



## Materials List:

- Super Bulky Yarn
- 60" Cord (For Handle)
- Large Eye Needle
- Thread
- Straight Pin
- Metal Binder Clip
- Rubber Band
- Felt (For Closure Flap)
- 4 1/4"x12" Board Loom

## DEFINITIONS

**Loom** - anything that holds warp threads under tension.

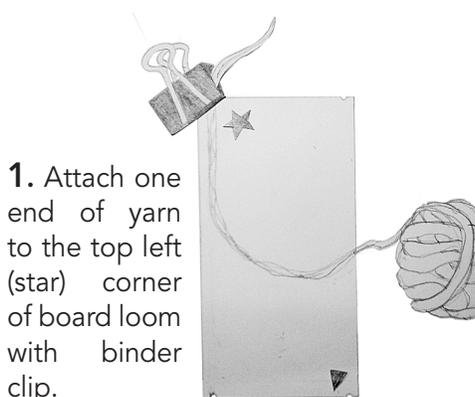
**Warp** - thread that goes on the loom first.

**Weft** - whatever gets woven into the warp.

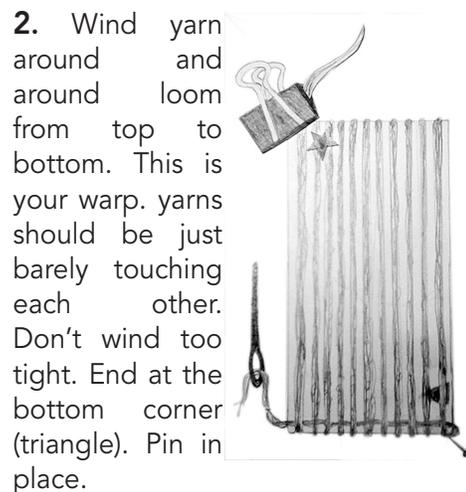
**Shuttle** - an arrow shaped tool used to carry weft yarns back and forth across warp yarns.

## TIPS

- Go easy on the tension.
- Be sure to go over and under warp threads and not thru them with needle.
- pack weft yarns in place with butter knife, ruler or your fingers.
- optional ways to add new weft - tie a knot or overlap and felt yarns together.



1. Attach one end of yarn to the top left (star) corner of board loom with binder clip.



2. Wind yarn around and around loom from top to bottom. This is your warp. Yarns should be just barely touching each other. Don't wind too tight. End at the bottom corner (triangle). Pin in place.

3. Count all your threads, front and back. The total must be an odd number.

Congrats, you made a warp! Turn the yarn and this becomes the weft.

4. Measure out an additional 60 to 90 inches of yarn and cut the end.

5. Thread the yarn through the needle to start weaving, or use your fingers to weave if you prefer.



6. Begin to weave from right to left at the bottom (triangle) corner where yarn is pinned. A rubber band placed midway will hold your warp in place.

Handwoven Bag  
"Bag-ette"



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7. Go under one warp (the vertical thread) and over the next.

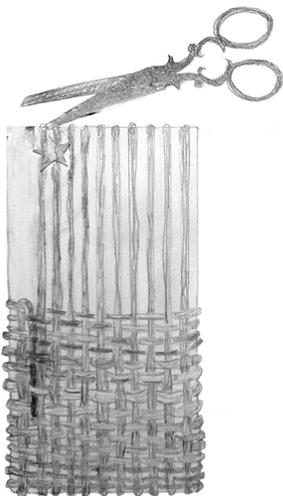
8. Continue weaving across. Finish this row with the weft going under.

9. Turn the loom over to the side with the square.

12. When you have woven 3 or 4 rows, take a break from weaving. Use your fingertips to pack the weft yarns down to the bottom edge of the cardboard. Spread the warp yarns out evenly toward each edge.

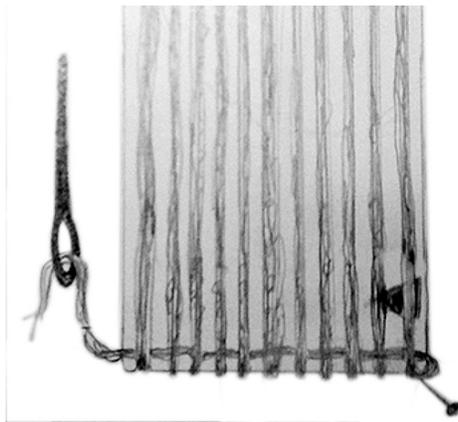
13. Continue weaving until you are a bit more than half way up the loom.

14. Remove the binder clip.



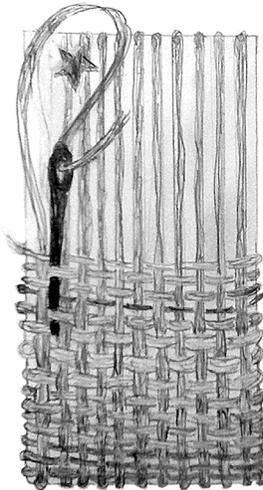
## ATTACH CORD

Weave cord down one side, across the very bottom and up the other side. Pull thru till ends are even. Knot the two ends together at desired length and trim excess.



15. Thread the loose warp yarn into the large eye needle.

16. Secure it by weaving in and out alongside it's nextdoor neighbor warp yarn, always to the right.



17. Cut yarns one by one, at top of the loom, and weave into place. Work on both sides of the loom. Push thread ends inside and/or trim. Remove your Bag-ette from loom.

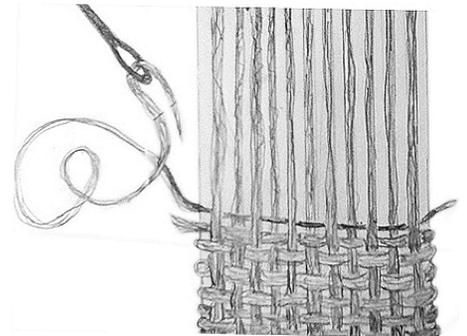
## FLAP & BUTTON (Optional)

Cut felt to desired size and sew it to one side of the opening to create a flap. Cut a slit to make a button hole in flap and decide where to stitch the button to the front of your Bag-ette to for a closure.

10. Weave across this side of the loom. Begin by going over the warp thread. Finish weaving across this side and you will have completed one row, front and back. Each new whole row will be the opposite of the previous row.

11. Continue weaving round and round. Turn the loom over every time you finish one side. Don't pull the yarns too tight.

**How to add new yarn.** Cut a new piece about 60-80" long. Weave into the same place you left off overlapping the previous yarn by 2-3". Tuck the last 1/2" inside the pouch.



## FINISHING

Fill a basin with warm water, add gentle soap. Submerge bag and let sit for 10 minutes. gently swish and remove from water. Fill basin with clear water and swish bag to rinse. Remove and press flat to dry. If you wish to shrink bag wash in hot water and dry in dryer. Check often.