

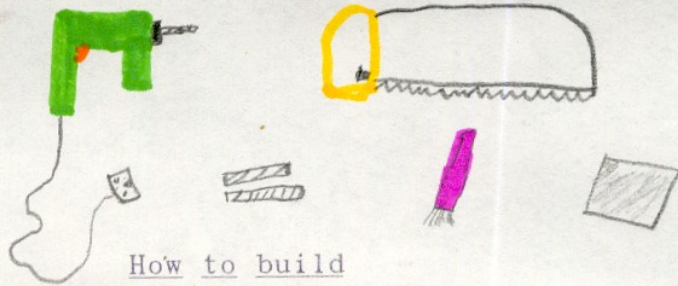
How to Make a Peg Loom

Materials:

270cm of dowel 1cm in diameter
Block of wood 110cm long, 7cm high and 7cm wide.
Tin of varnish

Tools:

Power drill
Drill bits
Sand paper
Saw
Brush



How to build

Sand the block of wood smooth and varnish it. We gave ours two coats. Then drill holes in it 1.5" apart 3.5 cm from the edge make the holes 1cm wide and 1.5 cm deep. Next divide the dowel up into 10cm lengths. Drill a hole through each piece of dowel 1cm from the end and 3mm wide. Sand the dowel till it is easy to put in to the holes.



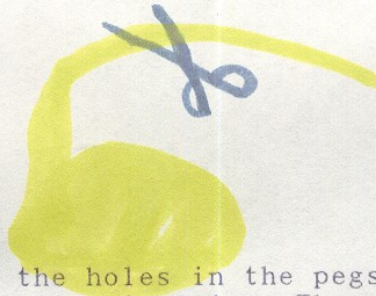
How to Use a Peg Loom.

Materials

Strong string or garden twine
wool-oddments

Method

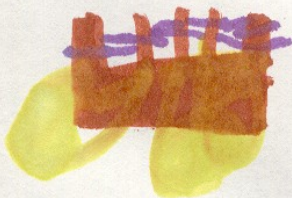
First of all cut the string into pieces. (As many as the pegs of the loom.) The pieces should be twice as long as the finished rug will be.



Thread the string through the holes in the pegs. Knot the doubled strings together at the bottom in pairs. Then put the pegs back in the loom. Make sure that the threaded holes are at the bottom.



Weave the wool in and out of the pegs till you get to the end of the line. Turn round and go back make sure that if you went in front of a peg on the first row you go round the back of it on the second row. Carry on in the same way until the pegs are full. Take out the pegs one by one; push the wool down onto the string. Put the pegs back in and start weaving again. Carry on until the woven wool reaches the knots at the bottom of the string.



Take the pegs out and cut the string at the top. Pull up enough string to tie a knot. Knot it together in the same way as at the bottom. You can put tassels on the finished rug.



These are the original sheets which my older children made years ago when we made our rug loom. A loom would probably have to be made for a younger child by Daddy or Granddad. We made a number of rugs on ours and in a family everyone can take turns so the rug is made quickly!