

Part 3 Weaving on a scarf loom - Videos 11-18

A scarf loom is another type of frame loom with an interesting tweak. This loom is actually long and thin, like a scarf.

The warping is done from side to side along the short edges of the loom rather than the long one and you then weave from end to end, all along the length of the scarf. Two lengths (or shots) can be woven at once, one of which is then beaten to the top and the other to the bottom, halving the weaving time and giving the scarf a pleasing symmetry.

At Create With Fibre, scarves like these are woven for sale in museums and galleries.



Scarves woven by Create With Fibre for sale in museums and galleries.

An added advantage is that fancy and thick yarns can be used to weave with, leaving a tail at each side. This becomes the fringe once the scarf is taken off the loom. The warping is done in just the same way as on a smaller frame loom, going from short edge to short edge in a zig zag for the full length of the loom.

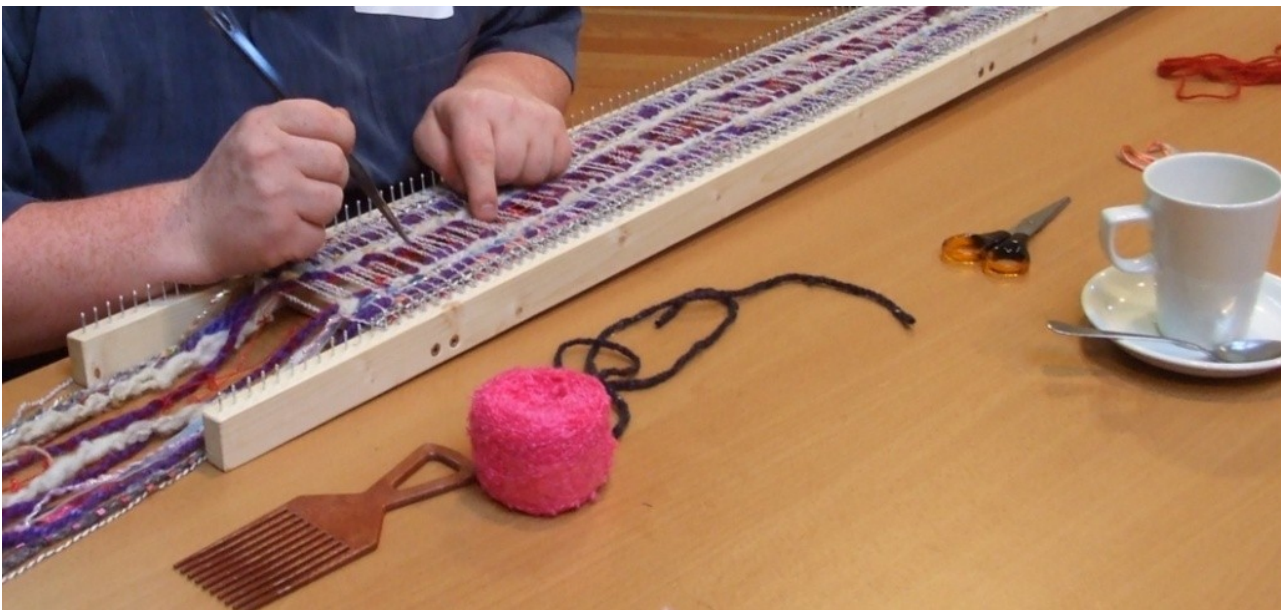
How to weave on a scarf loom

To weave, thread a weaving needle with a doubled length of yarn, long enough to reach from end to end of the loom when doubled, plus enough for a fringe.

Thick or fancy yarns work best and because you only need one length of each one, it is a great way to use up leftovers. Then weave along the long length of the loom.

A wide-toothed comb can be used to beat the weaving to each side and subsequent rows are woven up the space in the centre. The final row consists of a single length of yarn rather than a doubled one and is woven up the remaining centre gap.

Take the scarf off the loom by lifting it from the pins with a hand from underneath. Then knot the fringes into twos or threes using an overhand knot if possible, as this knot means the fringes look neat and hang downwards.



A scarf in the making on a Create With Fibre scarf loom.