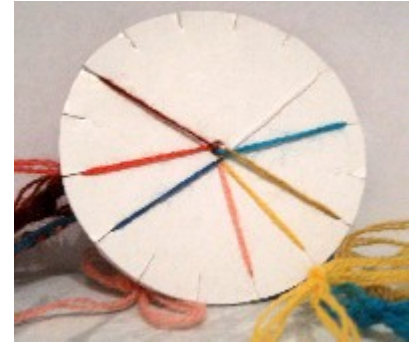


Chinese Weaving

Materials:

Wool in 2 colours
Scissors
Cardboard
Pencil
Compass



Method:

Cut a 9cm diameter circle with a 1cm diameter hole at the centre. Around the edge of the card, make 16 x 1cm long slots at equal spacing.

Cut 4 x 1.5m lengths of wool (2 in each colour) fold in half and tie together at the fold. Push the knot through the hole in the card and sort the wool into 4 pairs - 2 pairs of each colour. Hook the wool into the slots in the following sequence: - Beginning at the top, fill the first two slots with one colour (I.e. The first pair); miss out two slots and fill the next two with the second coloured pair; miss the next two slots and use the second pair of colour one; miss two slots and fill the next two with your remaining pair. (See diagram).

Begin working in the following order: Take length marked 'a' and move to one slot left of 'c'. Take 'd' and move to one place to the right of 'b'.

Rotate the card anti-clockwise so that the second colour of wool is now at the top and bottom, becoming 'a', 'b', 'c' and 'd' and repeat the above moves, so that 'a' moves one place to the left of the new 'c' and 'd' moves one place to the right of 'b'. Rotate anti-clockwise and repeat.

If you wish to stop, stop after an 'a' move so that three lengths are side by side which gives you an easy reference point for starting again.

The finished length can be used in many different ways - e.g. By stitching into a ring to make a simple hanging or table mat.

N.B. This can also be worked with multiple colours, as in the photograph above.

