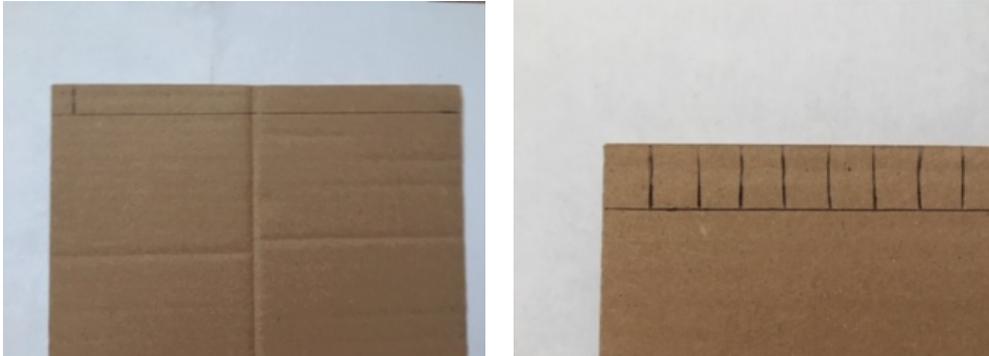
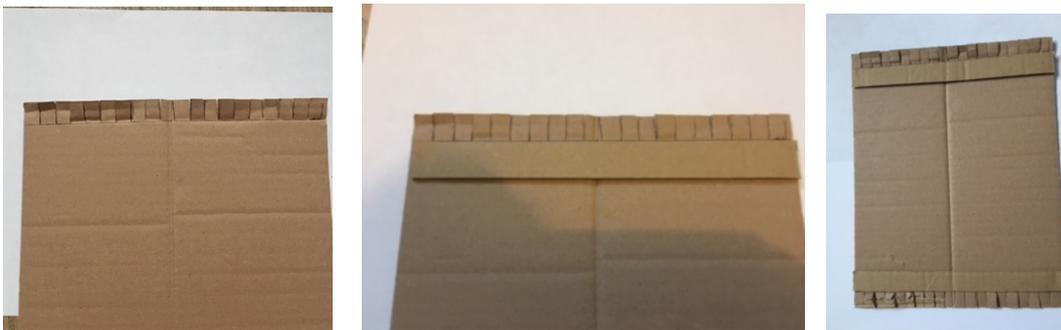


Abstract loom art

You will need: a large piece of cardboard, glue, scissors, yarn, Sellotape, and a yarn needle.



To start cut your cardboard in to a rectangle shape you can make this any size you like depending on how big you want your woven piece to be, mine was about 26cm x 20cm. Next measure 1.5cm at either side top and bottom and draw a line across, then make small marks every 1cm across.



Cut down the small line you have marked out. Cut two strips of cardboard the same width as your rectangle glue them on just under the line with the cuts.



Turn your loom over and tape a piece of yarn to the back then thread the yarn through the first slit at the top. Turn the loom over and stretch the yarn down to the bottom of the loom and into the opposite slot, loop the yarn around the back into the slot next to it and then back up to the top. Continue to do this until you get to the end then Sellotape the last piece of thread on to the back to secure.



Take your chosen yarn and cut a large length then on a large needle thread over and under each of the strings on the loom pulling all the yarn through until you have about 4cm left at the start. Then go back the other under and over the opposite threads and push down to the bottom of the loom



Repeat this process to build up some colour, you can start main patterns by only going partly across the loom.



Change colour as you desire and continue weaving in and out, you must weave into the same string as the previous colour finished to avoid gaps in your woven art. Continue until you have filled your loom with colour. When changing colour make a small knot in the yarn to the loom thread this will stop your yarn from unravelling later on.



once you have finished you need to gently remove the loops from the slots at the top. Then take two loops and tie them together. Once you have finished the top turn the loom around and repeat.



Once you have done this you can trim off all loose threads, I have left some of the loops at the top so that I can make it into a wall hanging by adding a piece of dowel through the top loops.