# WEAVING LOOM

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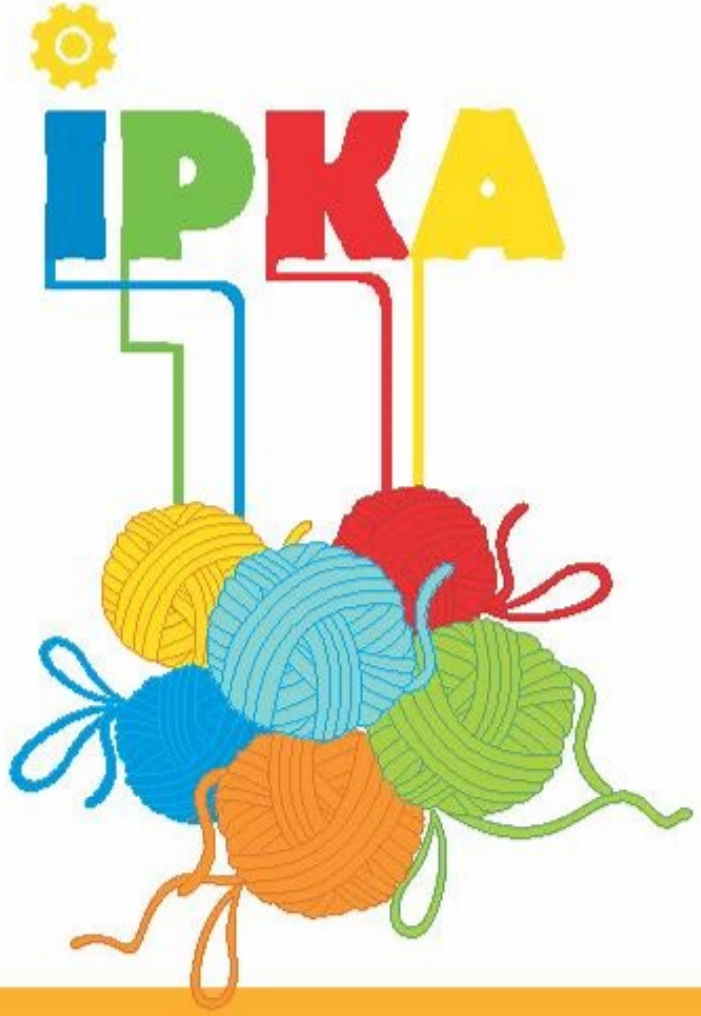


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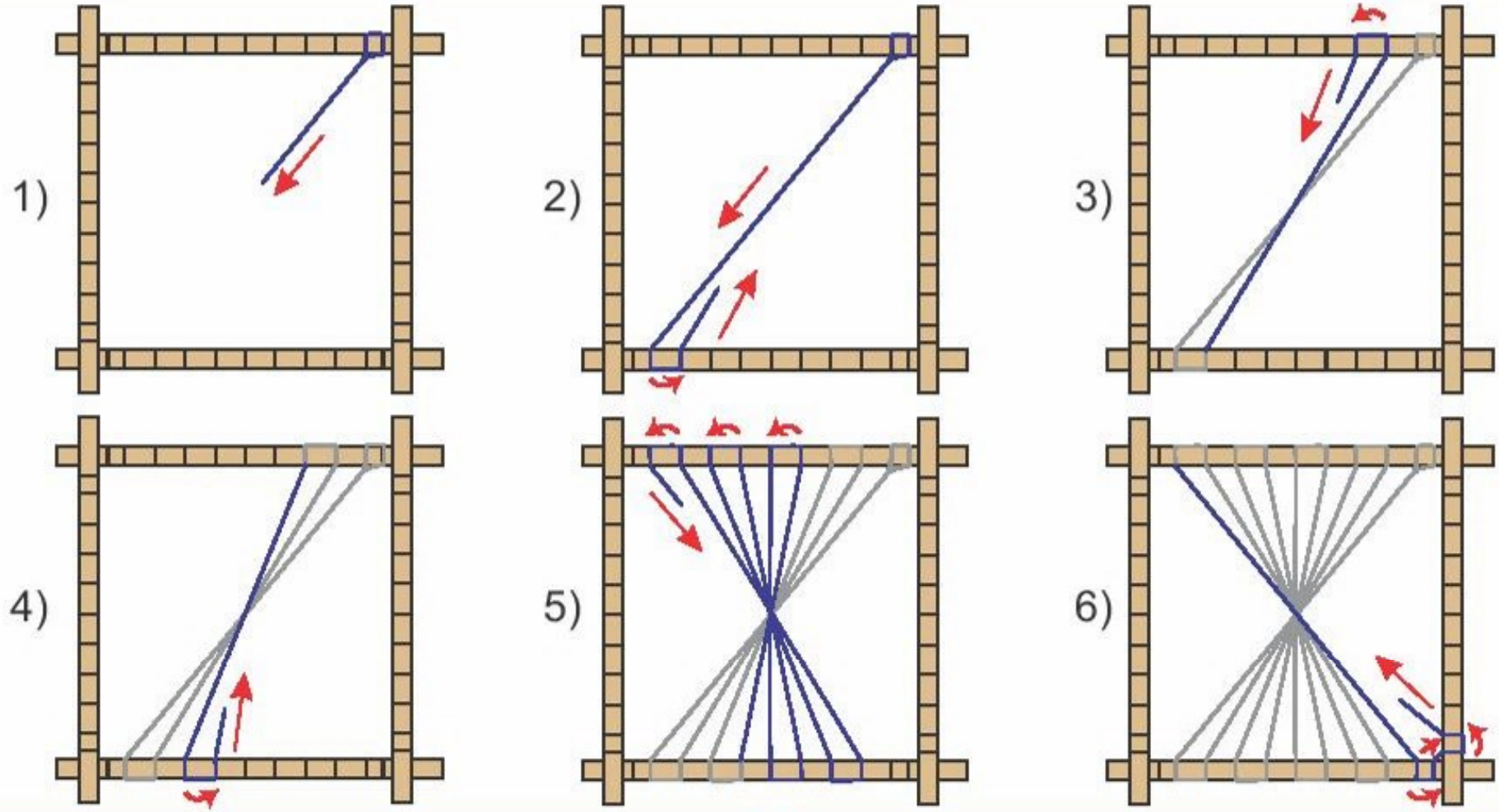
**Getting started:**

Create your warp. First make a loop knot at the end of your warp yarn, and fasten in to the top right tooth. Then warp it down to the bottom left tooth and back up again. Use an alternative. Follow the diagrams, (Fig. 1 to Fig. 10).

At this stage, thread the last piece of warp through wooden needle, and secure the end by threading it around the 'cross' in the middle of the loom, (Fig. 11). This not only secures the end of the warp but also draws that cross together, making it easier to weave. Tie the end of the warp thread with a slip knot around the center of the crossed threads. This should both secure the end of your warp yarn and also the center of your weaving.

This is different if you have a thick yarn as warp, you will find that the center becomes a large lump with each thread layered over the last. If you want to use thick yarns for your warp, you can use an alternative warping method with a ring in the center, either a metal one or if you want to use your piece for an item of clothing or something that you don't want a metal ring in the middle of, use a well knotted circle of yarn in the center instead.



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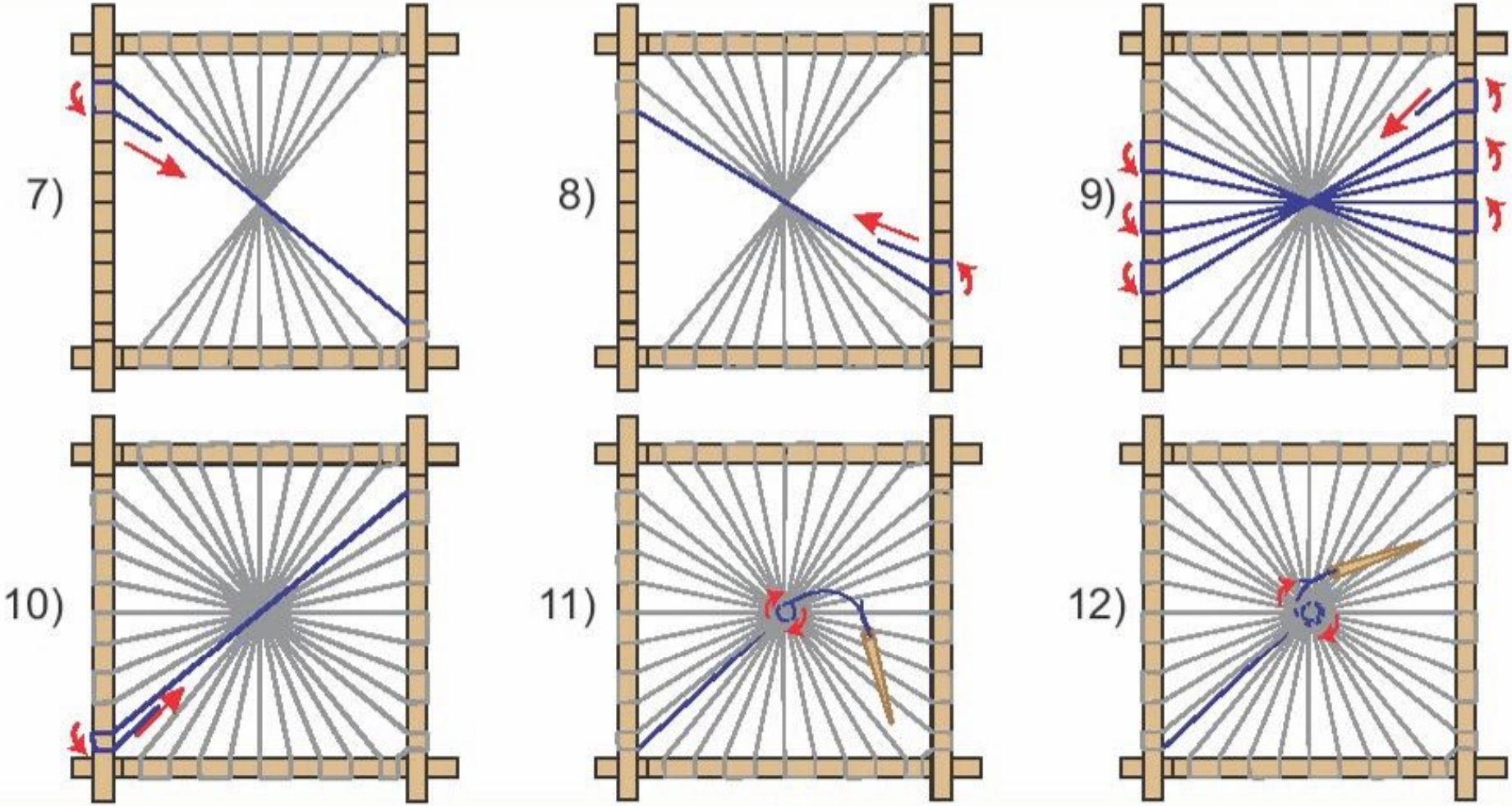




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**How to weave:**

Begin winding the yarn in and out of the main strands with the wooden needle, (Fig. 12). Tap the yarn using the comb, every time you finish a row. Don't pull it tight or it will make the weaving project deformed.

When it comes time to switch out colors, just tie one end to another and trim.

If you'd like, you can switch up the look of each row with different weaving method.

You can also,

-Use different kinds of yarn, hemp, ribbon and etc. for weaving.

-double yarn strands to finish weaving projects faster. (Use different colors of yarn for this purpose.)

-thread colorful beads onto the yarn at the beginning of the project and you'll be amazed with the result.

Finish weaving until you're happy with the width. Then carefully cut two strands at a time on the back of your weaving. This will loosen opposite sides. Tie with double knots, (Fig. 13).

For weaving a mini coaster, tie those two strands next to each other into a knot with about 1" of room from the edge of the weaving. This will give you room to add your fringe. Repeat on the opposite edge. Continue until you've tied off all knots and have carefully removed your coaster from the loom.

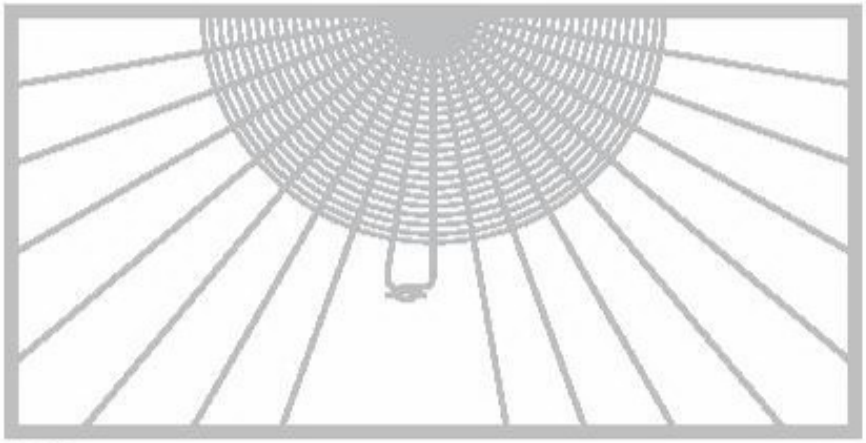
The back of your coaster will be a little messy. You can gently tie loose ends together in knots or even stitch them with thread to the back of the coaster.

Add your fringe by cutting 3 or 4 stripes of yarn that measure about 7" long.

Fold your fringe in half and tuck it through your knot as shown, (Fig. 14). Pull your loose ends down through the loop and gently pull, (Fig. 15 to Fig. 17). You can tie it off in a knot. Trim your ends, (Fig. 18).

Repeat all the way around your coaster.

Congratulation! You've created your own beautiful coaster!



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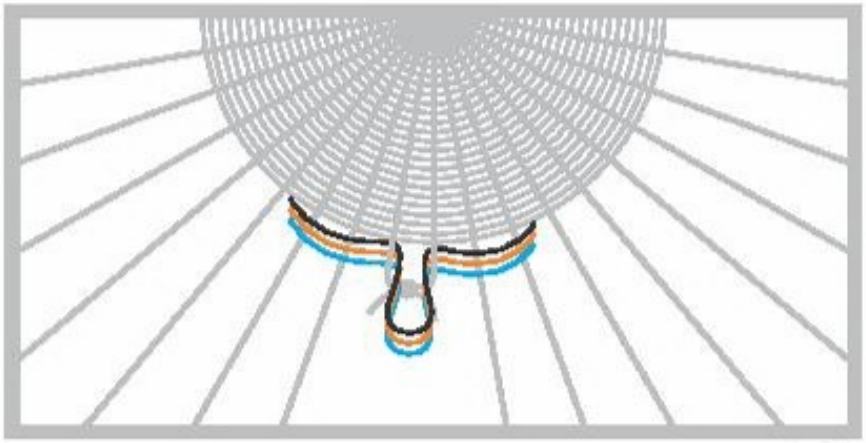

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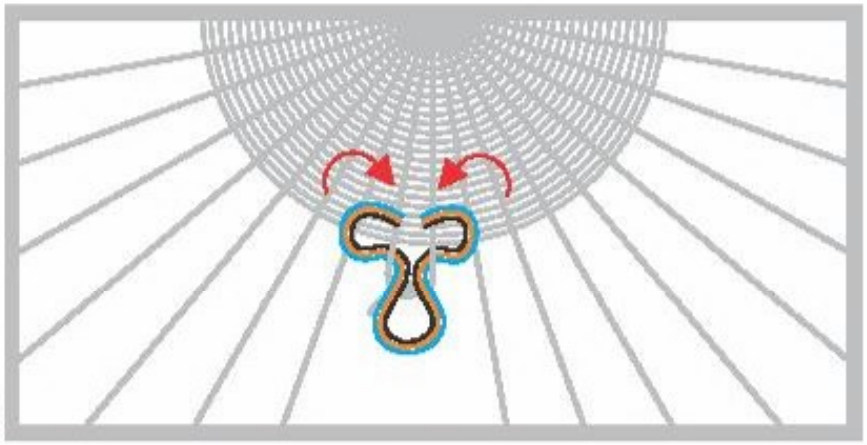

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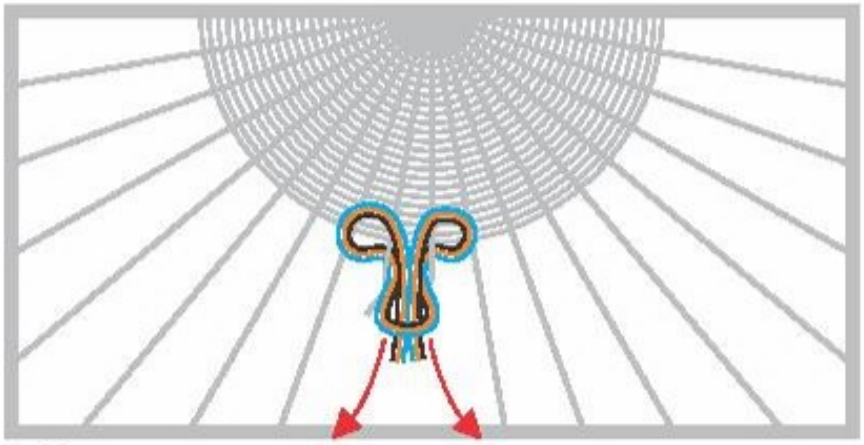

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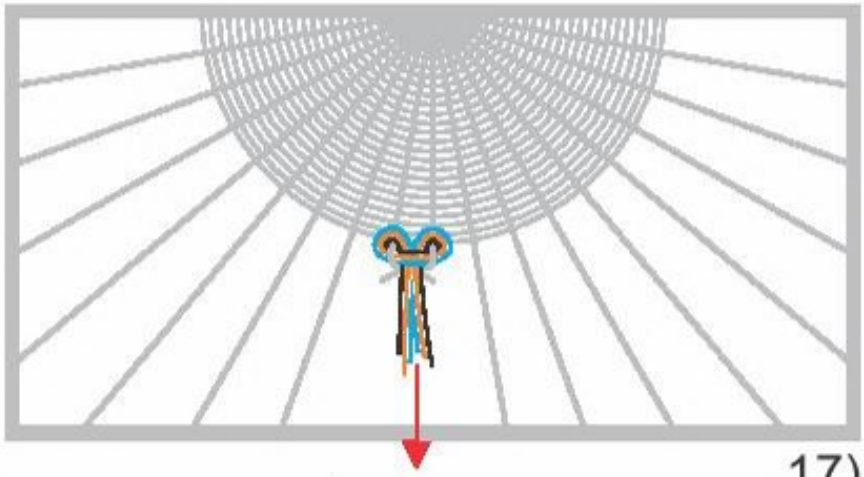

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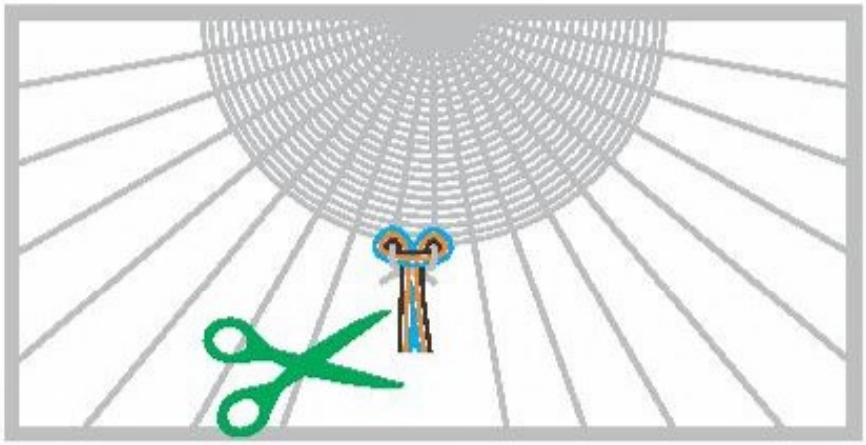

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