

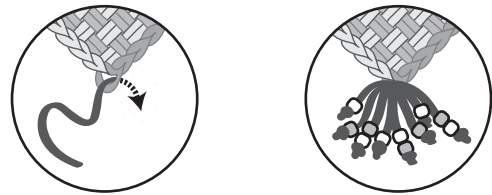
# lots o' loops Potholder Loom

## Purse

To make a purse, place 2 potholders back to back. Rotate the potholders so the corners with the ending loops are facing up. Sew along both bottom edges and halfway up the top edges with yarn.

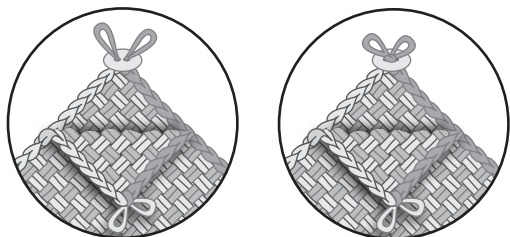


- To make a tassel, cut 5 or 6 pieces of yarn about 4 inches long. Pull each piece halfway through the bottom corner loop of the purse. Thread a bead or two onto the ends of the yarn and tie a knot to secure.



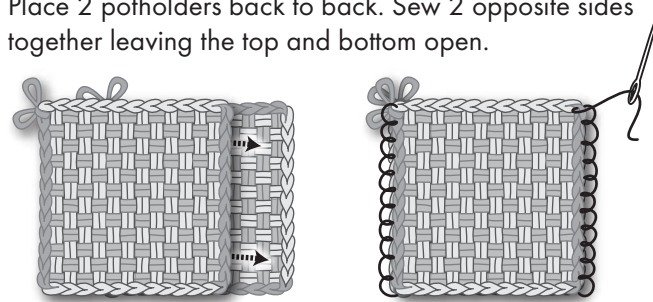
- Make a braided handle using the ribbon and yarn. Push the ends of the handle into the purse through the weave on each side. Tie a knot on each end to hold it in place.

- Add a button to the top corner of the potholder. By knotting it in place with one of the end loops, fasten the button with the other end loop. (use the needle threader to pull the loop through the button holes).



## Water Bottle Holder

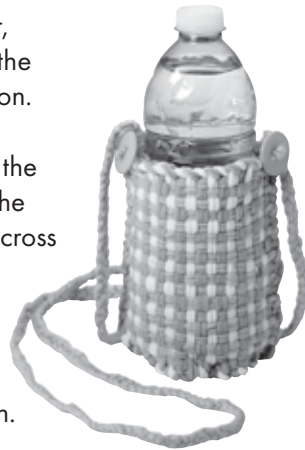
Place 2 potholders back to back. Sew 2 opposite sides together leaving the top and bottom open.



To create the bottom of the holder, you will loosely sew it using loops that have been cut on one end. Sew the loops back and forth. Tie knots to hold them in place. As you sew be sure you are preserving the round shape - don't pull too tight. Remember, you are creating the bottom of the holder that your bottle will rest on.



Create a braided handle using the yarn included in your kit. Push the braid through the top corners across from each other. Knot securely to hold it in place. Use the ribbon or yarn to add additional beads, buttons, yarn and ribbons for decoration.



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Weaving on a loom is a timeless craft that has been enjoyed for thousands of years. With your loom you can weave traditional potholders and then with a little creative crafting, turn them into fun accessories with an updated twist!

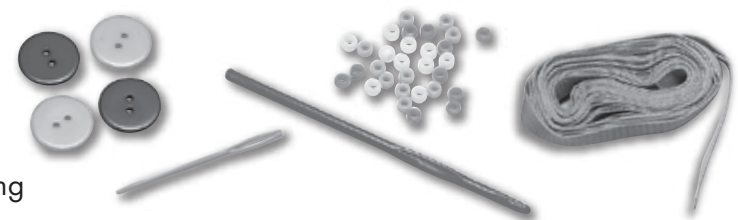
Depending on what projects you select, this kit contains enough loops to make 7 potholders, or several projects.

The projects included with your kit are fun and easy to follow. If you are having trouble ask an adult or older friend to craft with you.

A crochet hook, crafting needle and a needle threader are included in your set. You will also need a pair of scissors to complete some of these projects.

Your kit also includes these fun accessories:

- big buttons
- colorful beads
- ribbon
- yarn for sewing and braiding

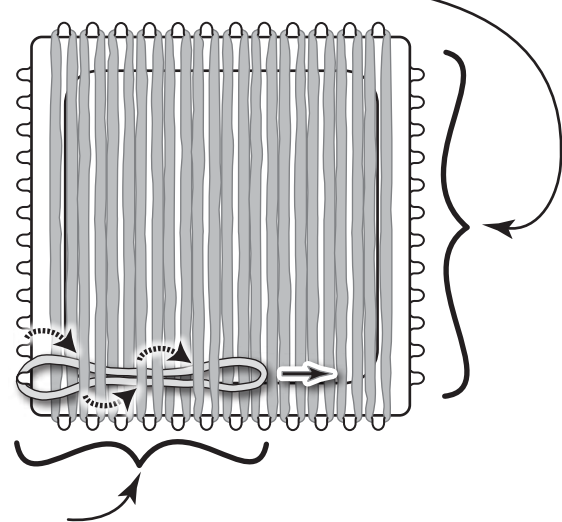


**Important** - These potholders are meant for decorative use only. They are not intended to be heat proof and should not be used near an oven or stove top. Do not use them to handle or hold hot items.

## Getting Started

Here are a few weaving terms you need to know before you begin:

**Warp** - the loops stretched on the loom going in one direction.



**Weft** - the loops woven over and under the warp loops.

## Weaving

There are 4 colors of loops for weaving. Choose the colors for the designs you would like to make.

Start by creating the warp. Place the loops on your loom all going in the same direction. To do this stretch the loops from one peg directly across to the peg on the other side. Be sure to fill in all pegs.

Now it's time to do your weft weaving. To do this, you will simply weave over and under the warp loops that are already on the loom, as shown in the illustration above.

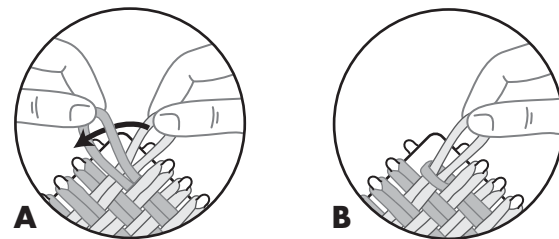
- Select a loop. Starting on the first peg, take this loop and weave over one double strand loop.
- Weave under the second loop. As you do this, you will want to attach the end of your first loop to the starting peg so it does not pull through.
- Continue weaving until you reach the end peg directly across from your starting peg.
- Each time you begin a new row you will want to alternate the starting point. On the second row, start by going under the double strand loop.

- Continue weaving, straightening any wavy loops as you go.
- The last few loops are a little harder to weave. You can use the crochet hook to catch the end of the loop and pull it through if needed.
- When you are finished weaving, leave your potholder on the loom until you are ready to finish the edges.

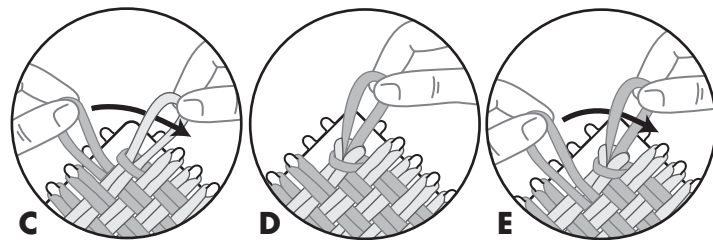
## Finishing the Edges

Finishing the edge means you will be removing the potholder from the loom. Don't pull too hard or the edges can become misshapen.

- Start at one corner. **Note** - you will be working to your left all the way around the loom.
- Remove the loop off the top right corner peg and then off the left corner peg.
- Push the loop you are holding in your right hand through the center of the loop you are holding in your left. (See pictures **A & B**)

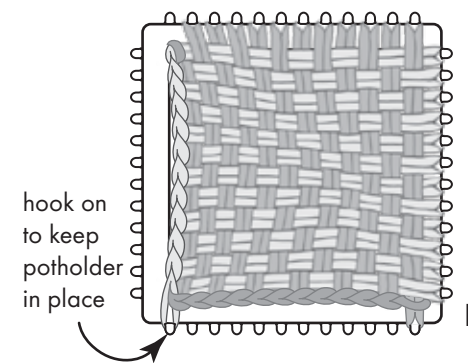


- Remove the 2nd loop from the peg on the left and pull it through the loop you are holding in your right hand. (See pictures **C & D**)



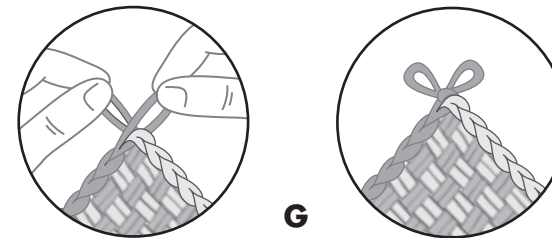
- Pull the loop off the 3rd peg, pull it through the loop you are holding in your right hand. (See picture **E**)
- Continue repeating the step in pictures **C-E** with each loop, working around your loom to the left.

When you have worked all the way around 2 sides pull an end at the corner and hook onto a peg to help hold it in place while you work around the other 2 sides of the loom. (See picture **F**)



Continue weaving around the loom until you come back to the start peg.

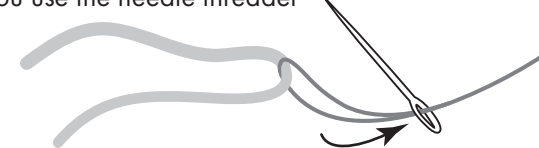
Pull the last 2 loops out on the corner and tie them in a knot to secure. (See pictures **G**)



Now you can take the potholder off the loom, and start a new one.

## Make Something Fun

It is easy to thread the needle with ribbon or yarn when you use the needle threader

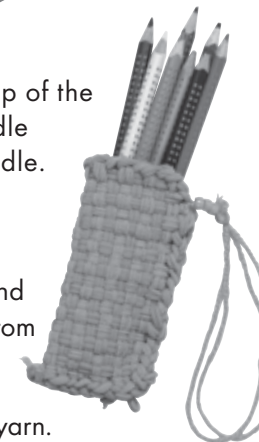


First pull the yarn or ribbon through the loop of the flexible needle threader. Then pull the needle threader through the eye of the sewing needle.

## Pencil Holder/Sunglasses Case

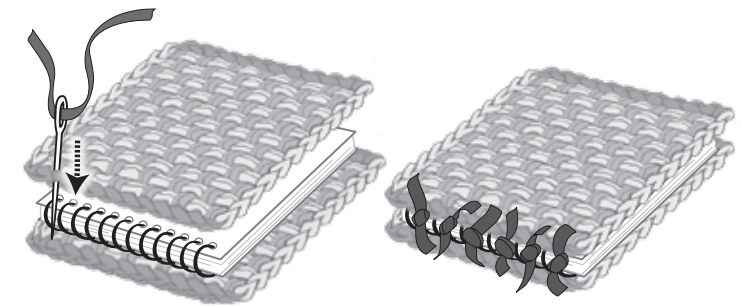
Fold over one potholder. Sew with the yarn and the large plastic sewing needle along the bottom edge and up the side leaving the top open.

Add a handle with a loop or make one with yarn.



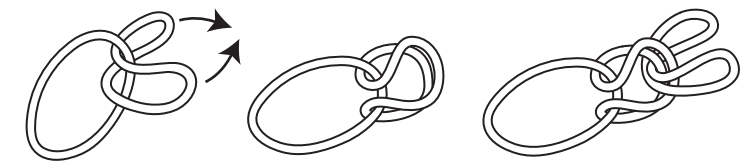
## Notebook/Journal Cover

To make a cover for a small notebook or journal, place one potholder on top of the notebook and one on the bottom. Thread the plastic sewing needle with ribbon. Starting at the top, sew through the top potholder, through the spiral, and down through the bottom potholder on the other side, pulling enough ribbon through to knot and trim.



Repeat this step at the bottom of the notebook. Once these are in place, repeat this process in the center of the notebook to secure the top and bottom potholder cover.

You can add a button closure, make a handle and decorate with yarn and beads. Follow the picture below to create a looped handle.



Pull one loop through another as shown and wrap it around creating a double loop. Pull a third loop through the double loop and wrap it around creating another double loop. Continue adding loops this way until your handle is as long as you want. Then tie it to each end of your notebook as shown in the photo.

