

## Weaving Cloth

## You will need:

- Thick sheets of card
- Pinking shears
- String
- Assorted colours of woollen yarn
- Long darning needles
- Scissors



## **Directions:**

Cut the card into A5 rectangles and zigzag the top and bottom with pinking shears. Starting at one side, wrap the string around the top and bottom of the card to create the 'warp'. Make sure there are an even number of warp threads on the card and tie securely at the back. Cut a long length from one of the balls of wool and thread it onto a darning needle. Starting at the right hand side, weave the needle alternately under and over each warp thread, drawing the wool along with you as you go but leaving a short length of wool hanging out at the side. Having completed the first row of the 'weft', work back from the left hand side, this time making sure the needle passes under where the first row went over and vice-versa.

The loops left at each side between the rows should be loose enough so that the warp threads don't start to draw together.

Continue weaving under and over, then over and under, pushing down each row gently as you go so that you no longer see the warp threads.

Change the colour of your wool to create a striped pattern, again leaving the end of the wool hanging out at one side.

When you have finished weave the loose ends back into the cloth to secure them. Carefully cut the string at the back of the card, remove the cloth, tie each pair of warp threads together at both ends and trim off the excess.

