WEAVING

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- A STYROFOAM TRAY (A MEAT TRAY OR SIMILAR)
- YARN
- SCISSORS
- TAPE
- SOMETHING TO USE AS A SHUTTLE (A POPSICLE STICK, A PLASTIC KNIFE ETC.)
- A YARN NEEDLE
- TAPE ONE END OF A PIECE OF YARN TO THE BACK OF THE STYROFOAM TRAY. WRAP THE YARN AROUND THE TRAY. MAKE SURE THAT THE YARN IS EVENLY SPACED, SOMEWHAT TAUT AND THAT YOU END WITH AN EVEN NUMBER OF WRAPS. TAPE THE OTHER END OF THE YARN TO THE BACK OF THE TRAY.
- FLIP THE TRAY OVER. CUT ANOTHER PIECE OF YARN THAT IS ABOUT THE LENGTH OF YOUR ARM AND ATTACH IT USING TAPE TO YOUR "SHUTTLE".
- START WEAVING BY GOING UNDER (OR OVER) THE FIRST YARN AND ALTERNATING UNDER AND OVER ACROSS THE YARNS UNTIL YOU REACH THE OTHER SIDE WHILE PULLING THE YARN THROUGH AS YOU GO. MAKE SURE TO LEAVE A TAIL OF ABOUT 4 INCHES.
- PUSH THE SHUTTLE THROUGH THE YARNS THE OTHER WAY, STILL ALTERNATING OVER AND UNDER. IF YOU ENDED WITH GOING UNDER THE LAST YARN, GO OVER THE FIRST YARN GOING BACK.
- CONTINUE IN THIS WAY UNTIL YOU RUN OUT OF YARN. THEN, TAKE THE YARN OFF THE SHUTTLE LEAVING A 4 INCH TAIL
- CONTINUE BY CUTTING A NEW LENGTH OF YARN AND CONTINUING IN THE SAME WAY AS ABOVE. AT THIS POINT, YOU CAN ALTERNATE COLORS IF YOU WANT.
- WHEN YOU REACH THE END OF YOUR WEAVING, TURN THE TRAY OVER AND CUT THROUGH THE YARNS TO SET THE WEAVING FREE. KNOT THE TOP AND BOTTOM ENDS AND THREAD THEM INTO THE WEAVING USING THE YARN NEEDLE. THE TAILS ON THE OTHER EDGES WILL ALSO NEED TO BE THREADED INTO THE WEAVE.



THE OLDEST EVIDENCE OF WEAVING DATES TO THE PALAEOLITHIC PERIOD MEANING THAT THE ART OF WEAVING IS UP TO 27, 000 YEARS OLD.

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