

woven rainbow



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You will need:

- Rainbow template. Paper plate or create with cardboard
- Pencil for drawing outline of template
- Scissors
- Yarn in 7 colours of the rainbow approx. 1m of each colour
- Tape. Masking tape or sticky tape

1 First create your template for your rainbow.

2 Create one of your own with a paper plate cut in half or using a side of a cardboard box, draw a semi-circle outline and cut out (approx. 25cm wide and 20cm high)

3 To create your rainbow loom, cut 2cm deep slots, about 3cm apart around the top edge of your cloud, then create just one slot in the centre of the base of your cloud template. These are your loom notches.

4 Using a pale or neutral coloured yarn, create your warp by taping down the end of yarn behind the bottom centre notch on your cloud.

5 Starting on the farthest notch on one side, take the yarn between first notch then take it back through the centre bottom notch. Wrap between each notch across the top of your rainbow and the centre bottom notch.

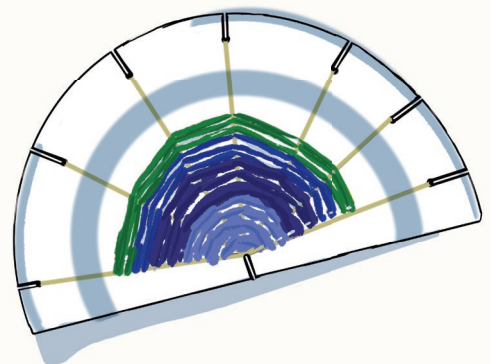
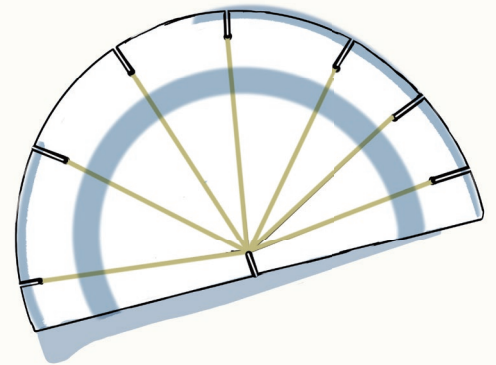
6 When you have created rays of yarn across your rainbow and taken the yarn through last notch, cut yarn and tape down at back of template.

7 Place the tip of your warp yarn length through the bottom notch and tape the end 3cm to the back of your template and trim with scissors.

8 To weave your rainbow, starting at the bottom with your violet coloured yarn, weave over and under your yarn warp to create your weft.

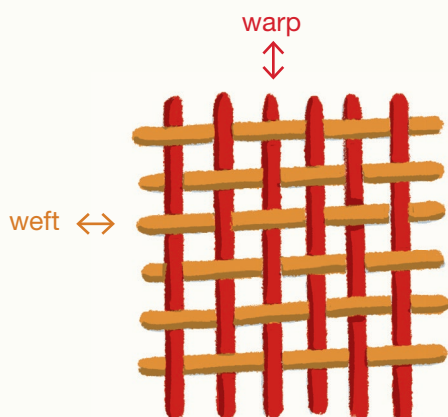
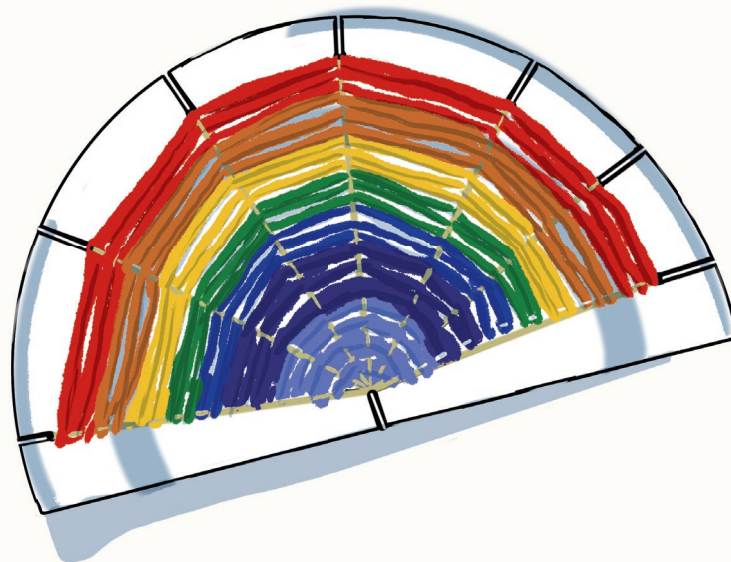
Check that you are starting off forming an arc as you weave, not a straight line, so your rainbow arc can take start to take shape.

For this size template, you can weave 6-8 rows of each colour. Increase or decrease your rows of colour depending on the size of your rainbow loom.



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- 9 To change colours of your woven rainbow, tie the two colours together with a double knot and trim. After a row or two of weaving, you can check that any knot ends are tucked away behind your weave.
- 10 Once you have woven your last rainbow colour and reached the top of your template, cut remaining yarn/thread and tape or tie behind the template.
- 11 Your rainbow is now ready for hanging in your window or on a wall, on its own or with your woven silver lining cloud.



*Warp and weft are the weaving or embroidery terms for the direction of the threads that make up a loomed or woven fabric. Warp threads are the threads that run lengthways up-and-down, and weft threads are the threads that run side-to-side, horizontally.