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### *I n s t r u c t i o n s   f o r* *W e a v i n g   w i t h   R o d s*



The weaving base must be fixed to a table top using the clamps provided.

Thread a length of yarn through the holes in the rods. This can be done using a crochet needle No.2 or a hooked length of wire. To achieve a strong weave, make sure that you use a yarn that is as thick as possible. Depending on its thickness use 2 ply 4 ply or 6 ply yarn.

For rugs we suggest you use jute yarn 2.5mm dia. Remember, if you want to have the warp (vertical threads) woven double, then you have to cut the lengths twice as long as your finished rug is meant to be eg. if you wish to make a rug 1.20 metres long, your warp needs to be 2.40 metres long, plus an extra few centimetres for the fringe or finishing off.

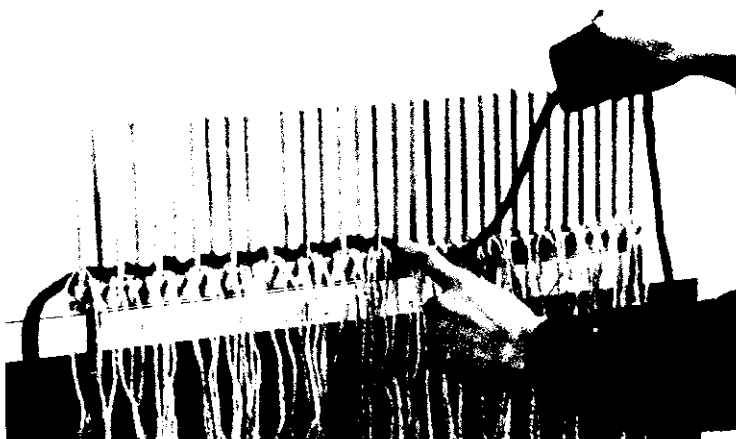


Place the rods complete with threads into the holes in the base.

#### **1. Simple Weaving**

Now we can start to weave. Take a coarse yarn and thread it from above, back and forth between the rods until you are near the top.

Then pull each rod, one after the other, through weaving and then replace the it in the same hole again.

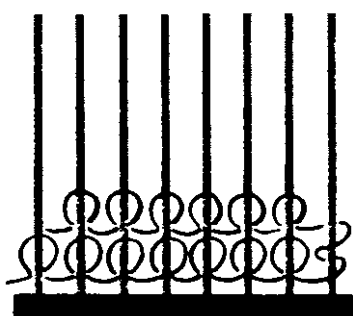




Now carry on weaving again until you are near the top of the rods again.



## 2. Single sided ribbed weaving

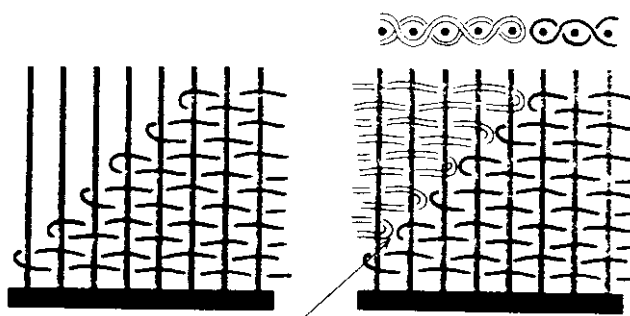
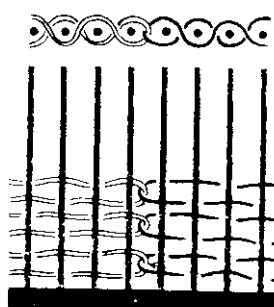


This method is used to make blankets or throw overs.

## 3. Picture weaving

Using the rod weaving method, pictures and designs can be produced.

We suggest that you start with very simple designs. There two possible ways to change from one colour to another. Firstly by looping the different threads together, which looks good, but involves more work. Secondly the coloured threads meet each other without looping (see diagram)



## 4. Round weaving (this needs two holed bases)

For round weaving, you need two bases which must be placed together and clamped to the bench. Please note that the rows of holes are not centrally in the base. The two bases must be arranged so that the rows are near to each other. (see diagram). The back row is slightly moved to one side. When weaving like this, you must use an odd number of rods.

