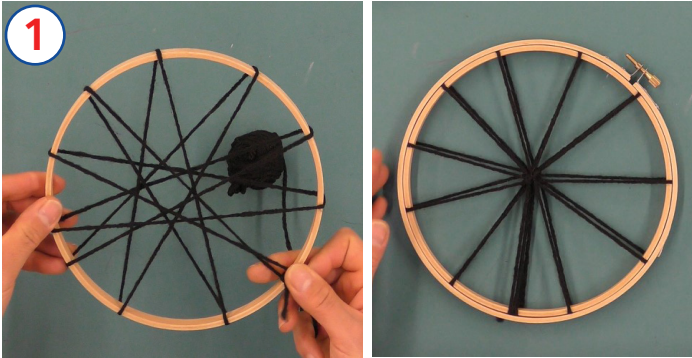


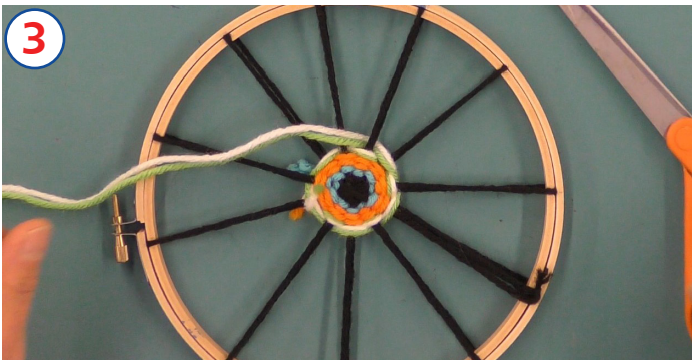
CIRCULAR WEAVING



1 Warp your loom. Remove the outside embroidery hoop. Double-knot a piece of yarn to the hoop. Keeping a bit of tension on the yarn, wrap it around the outside of the hoop in a star-like pattern until you have an odd number of points on the star – 11 is recommended. Keeping the yarn tight, wrap it around the center of the star a few times until each warp thread meets in the center. Knot the yarn to your hoop, and adjust warp strings so they are evenly spaced. Place the outside piece back on your hoop and tighten the screw.



2 Begin adding “weft” - yarn you weave into the loom. Pick your starting piece of yarn and knot it to the warp thread, or the black yarn. Weave the yarn over one warp thread, under the next, moving in a circular pattern around the loom. Continue this over-under motion as you move in the same circular direction, until you run out of yarn or you want to switch colors. You have the option to use your fingers or the plastic needle from your kit – whatever you find works best for this motion.



3 Secure your weft thread. Tie the end of the yarn to the warp strings, and begin a new piece of yarn the same way – bringing the yarn over and under in the same direction as the first piece of yarn. Continue this method until you are happy with your circular design. If you like, you can use all one color, many different colors of yarn, or, you can even use two different colors of yarn at the same time!



4 Once you have completed weaving the final weft thread, tie it to the warp string and cut the excess yarn. Remove the outer ring from your embroidery hoop, and cut the warp threads where they wrap around the inner ring of the hoop. Be careful not to pull the warp threads too much at this point, or your project will come loose! Knot two warp threads together at a time, working around the outside of the weaving until each piece of yarn is secured. You can trim the extra length from these knots, or leave them, depending on what kind of look you want your project to have.

You’ve completed a circular weaving! You can use this piece as a wall hanging, a coaster, or even create a piece of jewelry from it.

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*Materials in kit may differ from ones pictured.