

Monday Makes: Create a Woven Wall Hanging

For ages 3+



Emma Talbot, *Ghost Calls*, 2021. Installation view at Dundee Contemporary Arts. Photograph by Ruth Clark

Artist Emma Talbot creates drawings, paintings, animations and three-dimensional artworks, which you can see in her exhibition *Ghost Calls* in DCA Galleries. She uses a lot of fabric and different material in her work, painting patterns, figures and text onto them which explore ideas of nature, memories, thoughts and feelings. For this Monday Make we've been inspired by this work to create our own pattern using the technique of weaving, and turn it into a wall hanging.

See: the patterns that Emma Talbot creates in the above image. Also, look out for different patterns in nature that might inspire your weaving.

Think: about what you can find around your house, garden or local park that you can weave with. What materials will work together to make a colourful and interesting pattern?

Make: a hand woven wall hanging to display in your home.

Do: take a picture of your woven wall hanging and share it with us online using **#DCAmakes**.

Create a Woven Wall Hanging Step-by-step

What you'll need:

- Stick
- String
- Cardboard
- Tape
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Strips of coloured paper, wool, grass or flowers
- Scissors



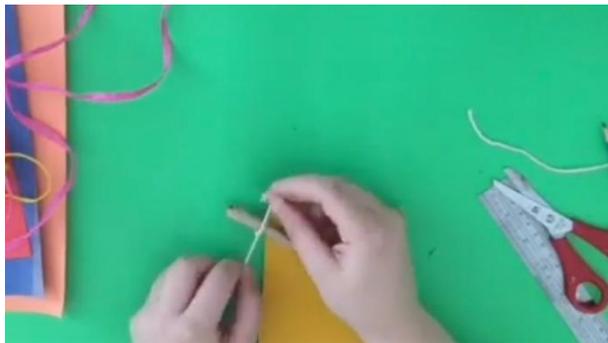
Watch our step-by-step video tutorial here: <https://bit.ly/mmwovenwallhanging>



Follow along with the video or take a look at the steps below.

Step 1

Make your weaving loom by taking a rectangular piece of cardboard and marking at 1 cm intervals along the top and bottom edge. Make a short cut at each mark. Fold the top over – your stick will sit on top of this.

Step 2

Tie the string around one end of the stick and sit the stick on the folded down top of the cardboard. Then take the string and wrap it around the bottom of the cardboard, making sure it goes into the first cut in the bottom of the cardboard. Wrap the string back up to the top of the cardboard and loop around the stick. Continue wrapping the string around the cardboard and the stick until you reach the other side of the cardboard and all the cuts are filled. Take a look at the video if you get stuck on this part. Tie the end of the string around the stick.

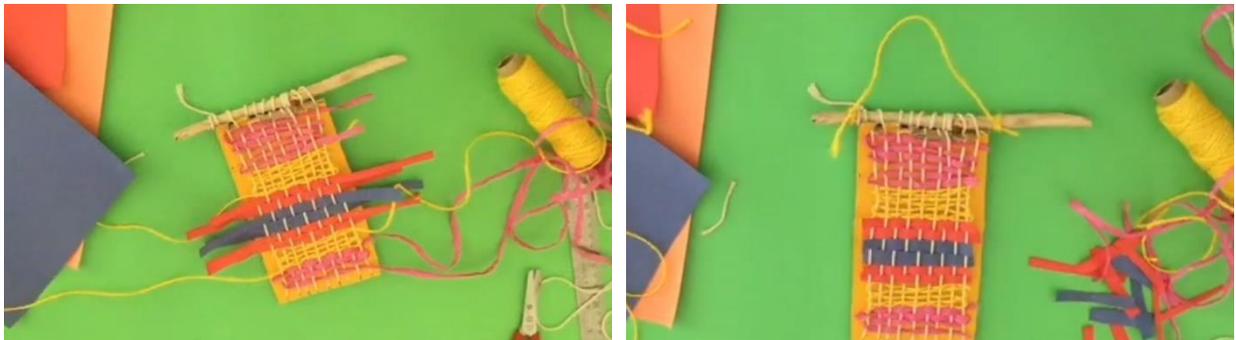


Step 3



To start weaving, take your first bit of wool, paper or plant and start at one side of the cardboard. Weave it under the first string, over the second, and continuing until you get to the other side. Take it back across the other way, but this time go over and then under the string.

Step 4



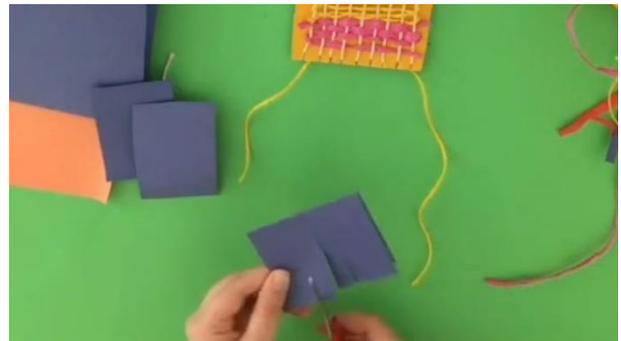
Keep going, using different colours and materials to create a pattern. Continue until you get to the bottom of the loom and then tidy up the edges by trimming off any excess paper, wool or plant.

Step 5



Take an extra piece of wool or string and tie it to each end of the stick – this will be used to hang your weaving.

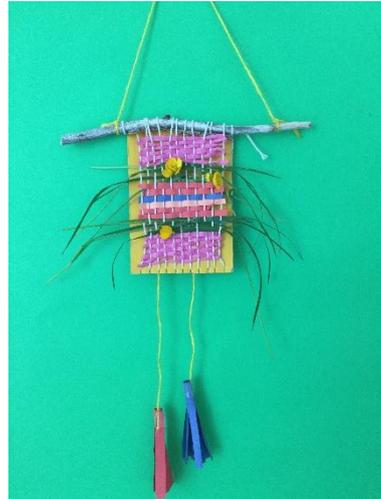
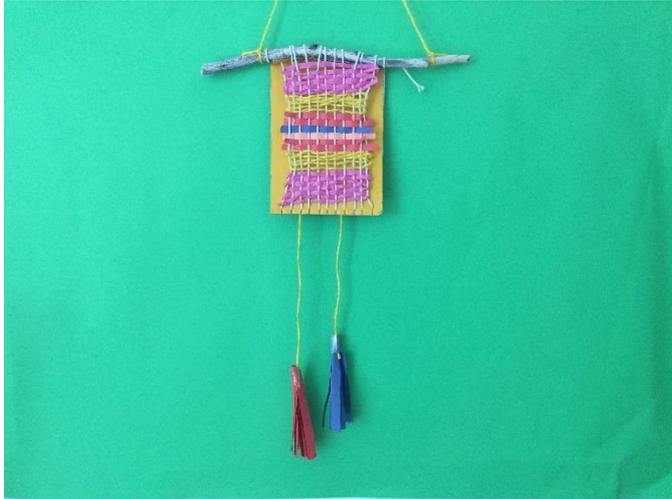
Step 6



Add some tassels to the bottom of the weaving by looping some wool through the string at the back. Take a small piece of coloured paper, fold it in half and then make long cuts into the edge across from the fold. With the folded side at the top, roll this around the end of the wool and tape it in place to make a tassel. Do the same for the other end of the wool.



Step 7



Now all you need to do is hang it up, snap a photo and share it with us using #DCAmakes. Try making different patterns by weaving with different materials and colour combinations. You can even leave some edges un-trimmed like the grass in the weaving on the right.