

## Pin Board Weaving

### You will need:

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| 1 piece of thin plyboard          | Scissors             |
| 1 blunt large eyed darning needle | Coloured wool/thread |
| 18 panel pins                     |                      |

### To make the pin board:

Cut a piece of thin plyboard 15 cm x 10 cm. You can round off the corners if you want to. Tap in 9 panel pins 1.5 cm from each end, 1 cm from each edge and 1 cm apart. (See figure 1)

### Warping the pin board: (see fig 2)

- 1 Tie the warp thread to the first panel pin leaving a length free.
- 2 Take the thread down and round the opposite pin and the one next to that.
- 3 Bring the thread back up and go round the opposite panel pin and round the one next to that. Continue in this way until you get to the last panel pin.
- 4 Tie the thread to the last panel pin again leaving a length free.

### Weaving:

- 1 Thread a blunt darning needle with a long length of thread.
- 2 At the top of the pin board go under the first thread leaving a length of thread free, go over the next, under, over and so on until you get to the end of the warp threads.
- 3 Come back by going over and under the threads until you get to the other side. Make sure that if you have gone under a thread one way you go over it coming back, as this holds the weaving together.
- 4 Push the threads up to the top of the pin board every time you have finished a line. This gives you a solid piece of weaving. Make sure that you don't pull the weft threads too tightly at the sides, try to keep the outside threads straight.
- 5 When you have come to the end of your length of thread, leave a length free. You can now choose a different colour and start again on the same side as your last piece of thread, remembering to leave a length free. If your last thread went under the warp thread make sure your new thread goes over it.
- 6 Carry on like this until you have filled the pin board.

### Finishing:

- 1 Weave in all the loose weft threads and trim the ends neatly.
- 2 Take the weaving carefully off the pin board. Weave the free warp threads through the loops of the other warp threads and secure firmly.
- 3 Trim off any left over thread.

You now have a mat!

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Figure 1

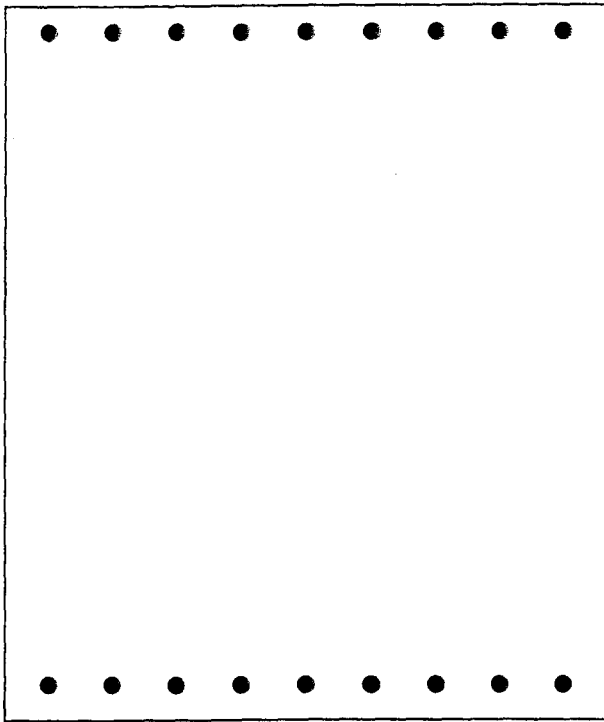


Figure 2

