

# KIDS' ART ADVENTURES

Sandra and Wence Martinez inspired weavings



Sandra and Wence Martinez, *Flora Split*, 2021. Hand-spun Oaxacan Churro wool dyed by the artist using cochineal, pomegranate, and aniline dyes. 60 x 62 inches. Courtesy of the artists.

Look at the image above. **What do you see?** Go into the gallery and see if you can find this collaborative artwork. What do you notice about the material? Think about the texture-- imagine you could touch this work. How would it feel? Can you guess how it was made?

This artwork is a woven piece by the artists Sandra and Wence Martinez. They work together using their different skills. Sandra is a painter and Wence is a weaver, so the image you see was first painted by Sandra, and then Wence wove it using yarn and a loom.

This project gives you the chance to try out their process! First, create an image you like on the piece of paper, then use the cardboard loom to create a weaving inspired by your drawing. Think about the colors and shapes that you like, and see what you come up with!

**TURN OVER FOR INSTRUCTIONS**

## INCLUDED MATERIALS

- cardboard loom
- paper
- yarn
- scissors
- drawing materials

## YOU MAY ALSO WANT

- extra yarn

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Take the supplies out of the ArtKit and if you have anything else at home that you want to use, like other drawing materials or yarn, bring them to your work station.

2. Start by creating a drawing on the piece of paper. Try to use colors that you like, and make big shapes or a pattern. You can use the coloring sheets to practice if you want.

3. Set up your loom. First, wrap plain yarn up and down, from the notches on the bottom to the notches on the top, one at a time. This is called the warp, or the yarns that stay in place.

4. Pick out a color of yarn that you like to start, and pass it over and under, over and under each of the warp yarns in one direction. Then, go back, doing the opposite. If you went under one yarn, when you do the next row, go over that yarn. Keep repeating this process, and change colors along the way to create a pattern inspired by your drawing.

5. When you get to the end, tie off the yarns and feel free to decorate the cardboard loom using drawing materials, or anything else you have at home.

## TRY THIS!

Have a friend or family member create a drawing, and use that for inspiration! When one or more people work on art together, it is called a **collaboration**.

Try changing colors of yarn in the middle of the warp-- just tie the end of one color yarn to the new color yarn and keep weaving. You can tuck the knot to the back side so it doesn't show. See if you can create patterns this way!