

# Yarn Creations k-2

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## Lesson

Do you know anyone who uses yarn to create a special craft or project? Yarn is a type of string. Do you know how yarn is made? Yarn is made from various kinds of fibers as cotton, wool, silk, or even man-made fibers which are synthetics. They don't start out as long strings. They begin as short pieces of the fibers that come from wool from sheep or goats or from cotton picked from plants. The cotton & wools are cleaned & often dyed various colors & then ready to be made into yarn. Small pieces are stretched out & added to each other by twisting them over & over as more fibers are added & the yarn becomes longer. Of course this is all done quickly by machines. The yarn can be used to knit or crochet or weave the colors chosen to create beautiful things to wear or blankets or decorations. Did you know they also make yarn from plastic bottles!?! The ideas are endless! Once the project is complete, there is often leftover yarn which can then be used for projects like the one shown below!



## Questions for students

Creating yarn to make fabric was probably the first form of technology of the world. Where was it first found?

How many times a year are sheep shorn for wool?

What was the invention that changed the cotton industry?



## Materials

- Corrugated Cardboard
- Large lid to trace or bowl
- Pencil
- 3 colored Markers
- Scissors
- Yarn whatever colors you want.

# Other Learning Resources

## Learn More About Yarn

<http://crochetvolution.com/archives/fall-2012/the-history-of-yarn>

## Videos About How We Get Yarn

Where wool comes from- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtP63lOhgIY>

How we harvest cotton- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSginChTT70&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xf6EtzVpnQs&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orKBbm9lJIs&feature=youtu.be>

How plastic bottles turn to fabric- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyF9Mxlcltw>



**Knitting**



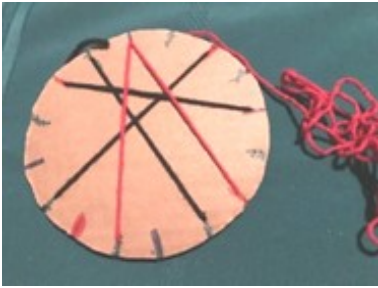
**Weaving**



**Crocheting**

# Instructions

Parent should help with sections in Green



1. Gather all your materials.
2. Trace a circle onto the cardboard & cut it out.
3. As on a clock, mark at 12-3-6-9 with one color. Using another color, mark halfway between those first marks. Now mark halfway between both colors with the last color.
4. Cut  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch notches on each color mark. You should have 16 notches
5. You can poke a hole into the center of the circle if you choose
6. Using any lengths of yarn you choose, start wrapping the yarn around the circle, placing the strands into the notches in any order. As you get to the end of your yarn strand, you can tie another color onto the first strand. At any time, you can pass the yarn through the center hole or not, & on to another notch. You can place yarn into the same notches several times if you want.
7. Continue this process until you have achieved the finished look you want.
8. When complete, you can add a loop to the top and hang it on display to show your family & friends, telling them what you learned about yarn & how you made your creation.
9. If you make your circles about 3-5 inches, you could turn these into holiday ornaments.



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