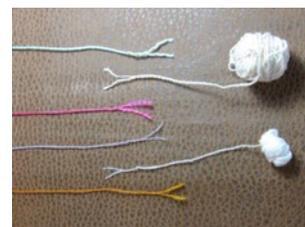


# Yarn Creations 3-5

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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?

**Please use the Other Resources Page before you start the art project**

## Materials



- Corrugated Cardboard
- Large lid to trace or bowl
- Pencil
- 3 Colored Markers
- Scissors
- Small popsicle stick
- 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**



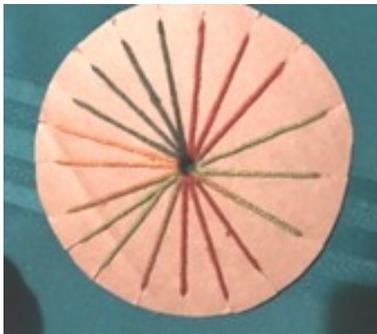
**Weaving**



**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. Mark off 17 OR 19 spaces around the circle. You must have an odd number of lines!
4. Cut on the lines about a half inch in.
5. *Next, poke a hole into the center of the circle with your scissors (ask an adult to help)*
6. As you start, put a string of yarn into the first notch & pass the yarn through the center hole & return back to the next consecutive notch & again passing through the hole in the center. Continuing all around the circle, change colors if you want.
7. Now using any yarn colors you choose, tie a strand onto the pop stick & do a weaving pattern OVER & UNDER each strand, around & around, throughout the entire circle or until you have reached an area when you feel it is complete.
8. You can change colors if you want or use the same color throughout your weaving.
9. When finished, you can add a loop to the top and hang it on display to show your family & friends, telling them what you've learned about yarn & weaving.



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