



InterConnected Inter-Municipal Community Art Project

InterConnected is an Inter-municipal community art project linking community members across participating municipalities in Greater Victoria. The project is inspired by our shared journey through the pandemic, our reconnection, and the ways in which we are all unique yet interconnected.

Participants will weave their own creation – a circular hoop – to contribute to the project. Hoops will then be gathered and linked together with the creations of others. The contributions from each of the municipalities will be connected to those made by neighbours in nearby communities. Segments of this collaborative art piece will be displayed in each of the communities.

Supply List:

- **Bamboo hoop** (approximately 8 inches)
- **Cotton string for warp** (if hoop not already pre-warped). Butcher's twine found at most hardware or kitchen stores works well.
- **Embroidery thread** – you can start the centre of your weaving with a thinner material such as embroidery thread
- **Yarn and other materials** such as strips of fabric, ribbon, cord or rope
- **Large plastic darning needle** (to help you thread through your weaving, especially for thinner materials)

Instructions:

Step 1: Warping Your Hoop

If you have a blank hoop, you will need to use your cotton string to attach the “spokes” (warp strings) to your hoop. Watch the Hoop Warping video and follow the instructions:

<https://vimeo.com/705536996>

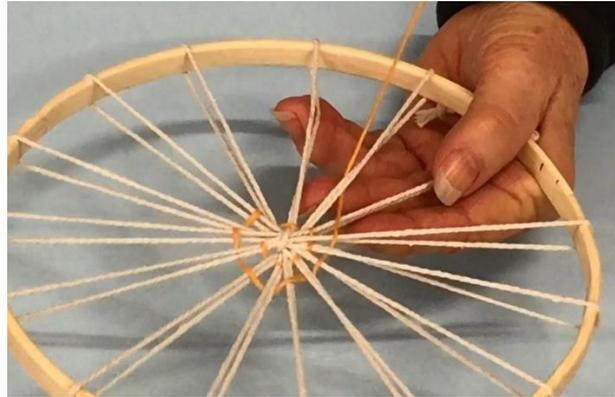
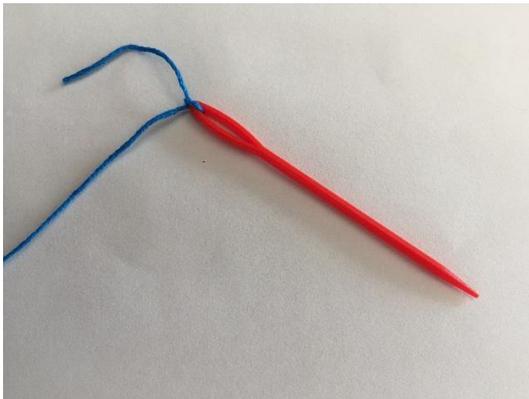
Step 2: Weaving your Hoop

If your hoop is already warped (has “spokes”) you are ready to weave! Watch the Hoop Weaving video (or the written instructions below) to learn how to weave a beautiful, unique creation:

<https://vimeo.com/705537278>

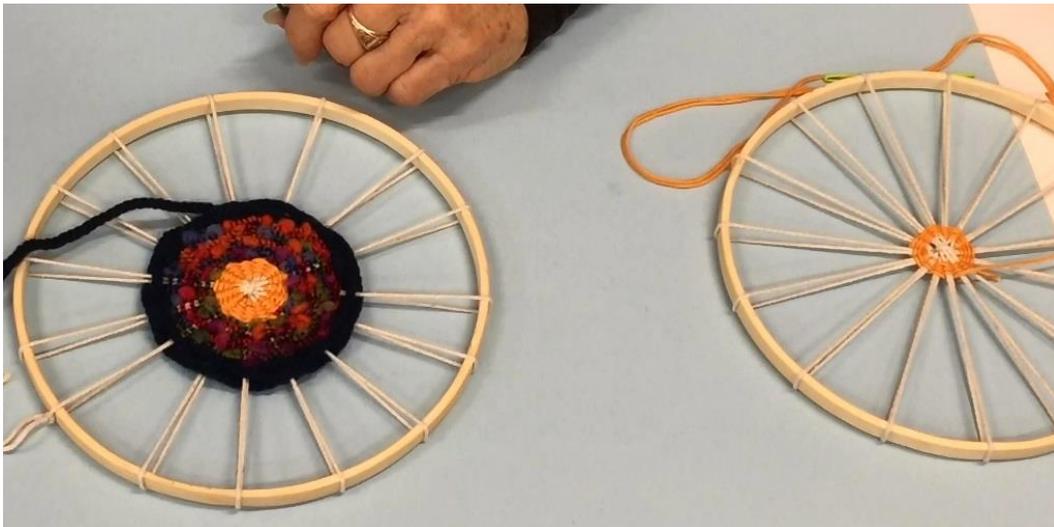
Written Instructions: Weaving on a Circular Loom

1) Start with the centre:



- Thread a darning needle with embroidery thread or thin yarn. Tie a knot to secure it to the needle
- Start in the centre. Hold the end of the thread under the hoop with one hand and weave using the needle in the other, pulling as you go during the first two rounds to help organize the warp threads (“spokes”) in the centre of the circle
- Follow an over – under – over pattern throughout your whole weaving process

2) Begin the middle section:



- Now that you are weaving further out from the centre, the spaces between warp thread will be larger. You can now weave using your fingers and use regular yarn. The yarn can become thicker as you weave out towards the edges



- Again, you don't need to tie a knot when you start a new kind of yarn, just hold from the bottom. However you may tie a knot if you find that easier and it doesn't disrupt your pattern too much.
- You don't need to pull tightly at this stage. If you pull too tight you may need to pull your yarn away from the centre in order to see the pattern you are weaving
- As you continue to weave outward, you may want to use larger and larger yarn or strips of fabric, as the warp threads will be farther apart. Again, you may need to pull the weaving out towards the edge to make it flat and to make the pattern visible. However, avoid gaps, unless that is part of your design.



Next steps:

Connect your creation to the community! When your hoop weaving is complete, contact the project representative listed below from your municipality for instructions on how to drop off your creation. It will then be connected with the weavings of others in your community to create a beautiful display celebrating our interconnectedness!

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Thank you for participating, and creatively being part of our community!