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(this is the SHUTTLE)

Travis Meinolf's Simple Scissors Cut-out Pocket Loom!! June 2008

Supplies:

Scissors, Loom Template printed or photocopied onto Heavy Cardstock, Two pencils, Chopsticks, or 8" Sticks or Dowels, Lots of Yarn and String, Patience and Enthusiasm!

1>Cut out LOOM & SHUTTLE from card, along magenta lines.

2>Fold Loom in half along green dotted line, turning the golden diamonds into little triangles.

3>Use scissors to cut out the golden diamond holes. It helps to go across cutting all the red lines first, then cut all the yellow lines to finish.

4>Now go back across the folded loom cutting out all the crystal blue slots. When they are removed, unfold the loom.

5>Measure out 28 lengths of some of your YARN, each about 4 feet long, and thread them through the 28 holes and slots.

6>Tie the strings you just pulled through the LOOM to one of the STICKS, in 4-7 small bundles.

7>Secure the STICK to a wall, table, doorknob, your bike frame laying in the grass, anything stationary that can handle a clamp, a nail, more string binding the stick to it...And you've gotta be able to really tug on this thing.

8>Move the LOOM to the other end of the strings, using it and your fingers to work out any tangles as you go. When you get close, tie these ends of the string to the second STICK. It helps to have a friend hold the stick, tie the outermost bundles, then with your friend holding these outer strings taut, tie the inner ones to match that tension.

9>Use a stronger yarn to tie the stick to your beltloops or around your waist and lean back to hold the threads tight. This is a Warp. You and these materials you have manipulated are now a Loom.

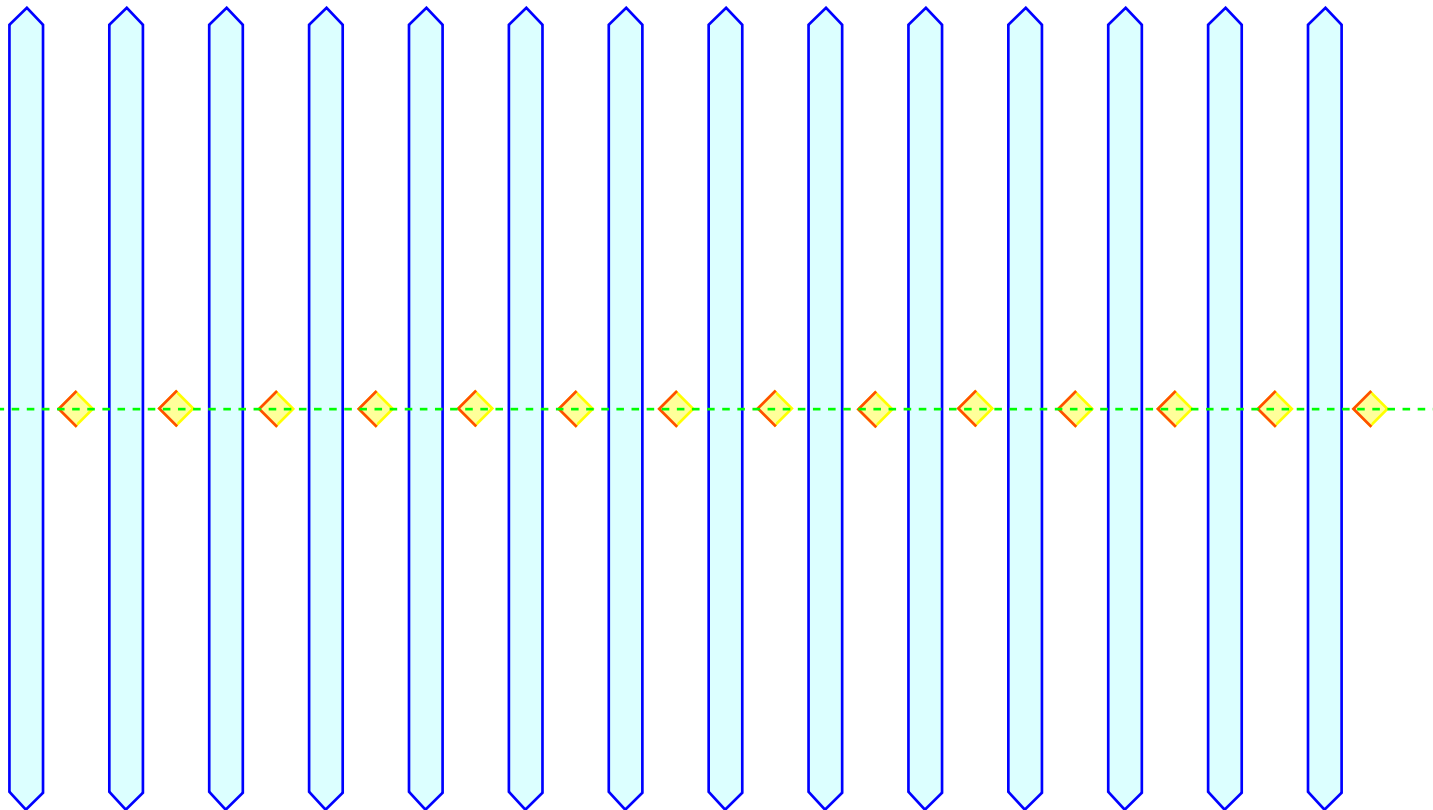
10>Wind another, thicker yarn you have around the SHUTTLE, in a figure eight pattern, following the green arrows. This is the Weft or Woof.

11>Using your body to hold the warp threads taut, pull the Loom piece up so that the half of the warp that is through the golden diamonds lifts above the half that should drop to the bottom of the crystal blue slots. The space between threads is called the Shed. Leaving a length of weft hanging off, pass the SHUTTLE through the Shed. Use the loom to pull the weft towards the stick that you are tied to.

12.>Continue to hold the warp tight with your body and push the Loom piece down below, so the threads through the golden diamonds dip down under the threads which now rise to the top of the crystal blue slots. Wind more weft yarn off of the shuttle and pass it back through the shed, the direction from which it came. Again, use the loom to pull the weft towards you and pack it in.

REPEAT

Thank you and PEACE  
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