

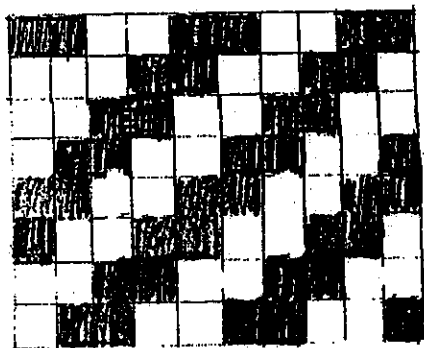
Create a HUMAN Loom!

By standing in as parts of the loom themselves, students can weave wonderful creations, and really get a *feel* for weaving.

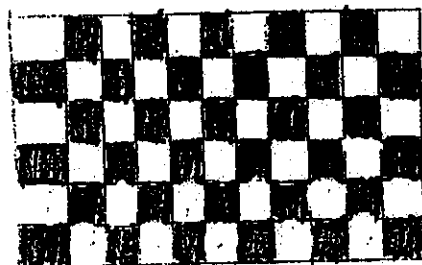
Materials: crepe paper or thick yarn (or any material in long strands)
Cut 8 (or more) equal length strips (try 6 ft. long)
Cut 1 long length to weave with, cut more as needed

Method:

1. Select 8 or more pairs of students to stand in a row facing each other and holding the ends of equal length crepe paper strips (or yarn, etc.) Hold these taut. These create the "warp" threads of the weaving.
2. Select 1 other student to weave a strand of material (crepe paper, yarn, etc) over and under across the warp threads. To make weaving easier, have the warp thread holders on one side raise or lower their strands and have the weaver pull his strand through the "shed" opening they form. Press this cross thread (weft) down toward the students who didn't raise/lower their warp ends - do this each time you weave across to form a tighter weave.
3. Keep weaving back and forth. Vary which warp strands you weave over or under with each pass across.
4. Try to create weave patterns. Try different colors and strand materials. Try to duplicate one of the patterns shown below.
5. Hang your weaving for display.



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