

## Shoebox Loom

### Each student will need:

shoebox (cover is not needed)  
scissors  
strong thread  
yarn

### Instructions:

1. Use the scissors to cut  $\frac{1}{2}$ " slits  $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart along the two short sides of the shoebox.
2. Wind the strong string in and out of the slits across the front of the box, creating the warp. Tie each end onto the string next to it.
3. Cut a piece of yarn about  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " long. Starting in the center of the box, begin weaving the yarn over and under the warp strings. When you get to the end, turn back and start a second row. Make sure that you go over the strings that you went under the last time, and vice versa. These horizontal strings are called the weft.
4. When you finish the piece of yarn, start a new one the same way. You don't need to tie the two pieces together.
5. Every couple of rows, gently push them down to tighten the weaving.
6. When you get to the top, it's time to remove your weaving. Carefully slip it off the notches. Cut the warp strings, two at a time, and tie them together. This will hold the weaving together and it makes fringe.

