

Textiles: Bookmarks

Pupils develop and practise threading and weaving techniques using various materials and objects. They look at the history of the bookmark from Victorian times versus modern-day styles. The pupils apply their knowledge and skills to design and sew their own bookmarks.



1. Using the scissors, make snips in one end of the cardboard, about 10cm long. Space these evenly and continue along the entire length.
2. Now repeat, this time cutting the opposite side of the cardboard, so that you have cuts along the top and the bottom of the square or rectangle, with each top and bottom cut directly opposite each other.
3. Take a piece of string and feed it through the first cut at the top of the cardboard. Tie a knot at the back so the string can't pull through.
4. Gently extend the string along the length of the card and feed it through the cut directly underneath the first, pulling it taught.
5. Now pull the string around the back of the cardboard, feeding it through the second cut and so on, repeating until you have wrapped the string around the entire board, using all the cuts. Wrap the string as tightly as you can without bending the card. The finished board should look a little like the strings on a guitar.
6. Tie off the last piece of string by securing it to another piece on the back of the board.
7. Your DIY weaving board is now ready to use!



Vocabulary	Definition for a 4-year-old
Thread	Putting a string-like material through a hole or opening.
Needle	A long, thin tool used for sewing or threading.
Pattern	A repeated sequence or design.
Ribbon	A long, thin strip of colorful material.
Over	Going on top of something.
Under	Going below or beneath something.
Repeating pattern	A pattern that keeps happening again and again in the same order.
Hessian	A rough, woven fabric used for crafts.
Stitch	A loop or line made with a needle and thread.
Concentrating	Paying close attention and focusing on something.
Persevering	Keep trying even when things are difficult or you make a mistake.
Design	A plan or idea for how something should look or be created.
Bookmark	A strip of paper or material used to mark a page in a book.
Different	Not the same, having something changed or varied.
Next time	Referring to a future occasion or attempt.