Weaving Glossary

Loom: The device on which you create your weaving, whether an industrial piece of machinery, table loom or cardboard loom.

Malleable: A material which can be manipulated without breaking, in this case over and under warp threads.

Shuttle: The tool which helps travel the weft thread through the warp threads, whether that is a wooden shuttle, a piece of cardboard, plastic needle or large paperclip.

Warp: The yarn you add to your loom before you begin weaving, often in a vertical direction. Think of the warp threads as the ones providing the structure, which you will then weave into.

Weaver: The person who is creating the piece of weaving.

Weft: The weft threads run in a horizontal direction and are the ones that you add to create your piece of weaving by going over and under the warp threads.

Yarn: Used to refer to a thread that is made from any type of material, manmade or natural or those which are a blend of the two.

