

FABRICS AND MATERIALS

The weaving tutorials only feature fabric made with black and white yarns to make it easier for you to see, however the list of materials that you can weave with is endless. The key to making your own unique designs is to experiment and have a play with a range of textures, colours and thicknesses of yarns and found materials. Combine lots of these together along with different weaving techniques and see how they interact with one another



Natural Yarns

Natural yarns are made from either animal or plant based fibres.

Examples include:

ANIMAL

Wool (Sheep wool, mohair, merino, alpaca...)
Silk (made from the silk worm)

PLANT

Cotton Linen Paper
Hemp Jute Bamboo

Synthetic Yarns

Synthetic yarns have been completely manmade and are sought after as a cheaper option than natural yarns. They can also produce very fancy looking yarns.

Examples include:

Acrylic wool Plastic Yarns Metallics Nylon Polyester Viscose

Unconventional/Unusual Weaving Materials

You are not limited to using only yarns for weaving. Discover new weaving materials from a variety of different found objects.

Examples include:

Plastic bag strips Paper strips Fabric scraps Washers/Beading
Flowers Wires Lolly pop sticks Pipe cleaners Twigs

Watch the instruction video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0UgAdZ5pMA>



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