

Make a woven CD sea creature!

You will need:

- Weaving materials e.g. elastic, packing strap, yarn etc.
- An old CD
- Scissors

Optional: Create a needle using a paper clip with tape wrapped around one end (or you can just use your fingers for weaving)

Make a loom for weaving:

- 1a** Cut a length (~130cm) of yarn or other weaving material, thread it through the centre and around the edge of the CD to tie a knot. You can choose which side, shiny or covered, you would like to be the back.
- 1b** Wrap the length of yarn through the middle of the disc and round the edge an odd number of times to create the spokes, like the 'spokes' of a bicycle wheel. We recommend creating between 9-13 spokes. The more spokes the tighter your weaving will be.

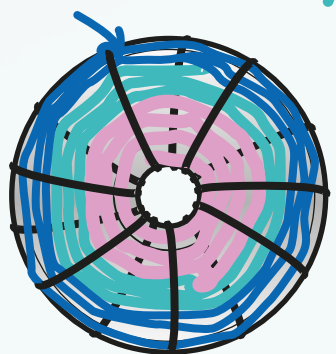
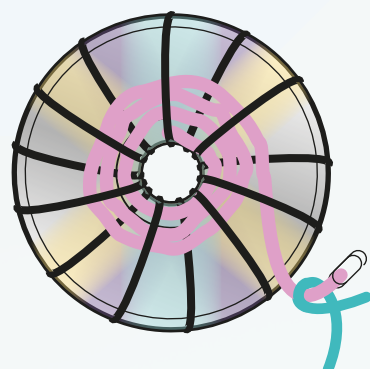
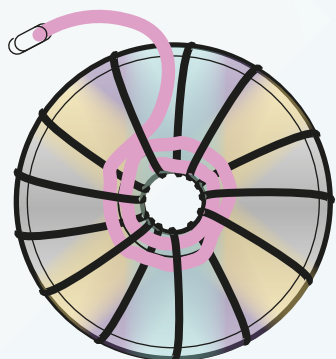
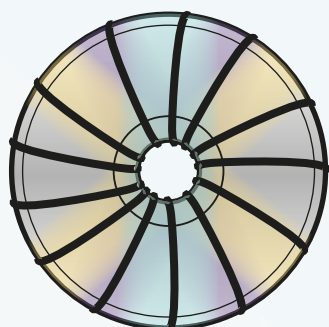
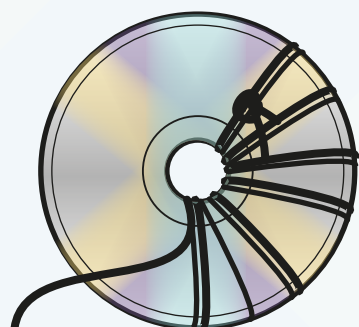
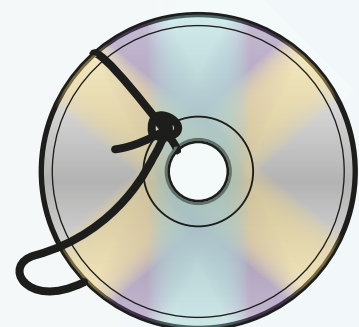
Tie off the end of the yarn where you started. Spread-out the spokes so they are evenly spaced.

Well done! You've made a loom.

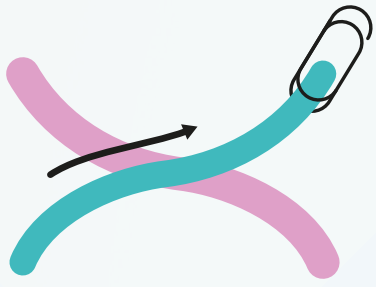
- 2a** Choose your first colour to weave with and cut a length. Tie one end to a spoke at the middle of the disc. Trim the short end near the knot that you won't be weaving with.
- 2b** Weave the yarn under one spoke and over the next, round in a circle. Over, under, over, under...pull it through and keep going!
- 3** When you are finished with one colour, tie on the next, and continue weaving.
Note: leave about 10cm near the end of your yarn so you have enough length to tie a knot when attaching the next length of yarn.
- 4** To finish, tie the yarn to one of your loom spokes.

Congratulations! You've made a woven CD.

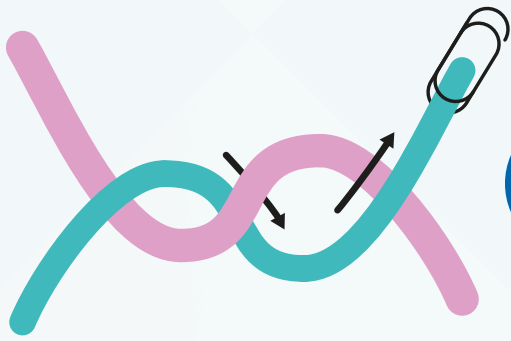
Get creative and transform your work of art into a sea-creature. Maybe the CD could be a turtle shell, jellyfish or octopus? What recycled craft materials could you use to make legs, fins or tentacles?



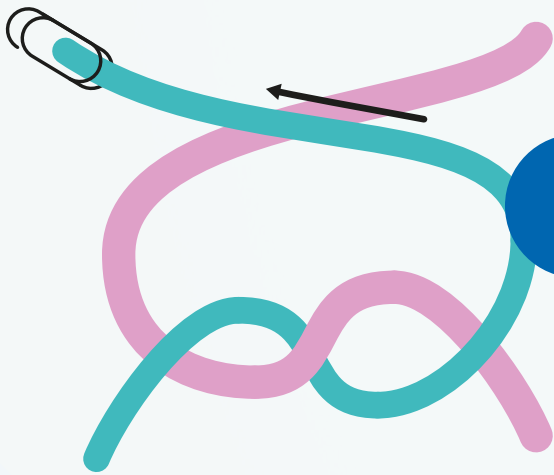
Ahoy Matey! Learn how to tie a knot like a real sailor...



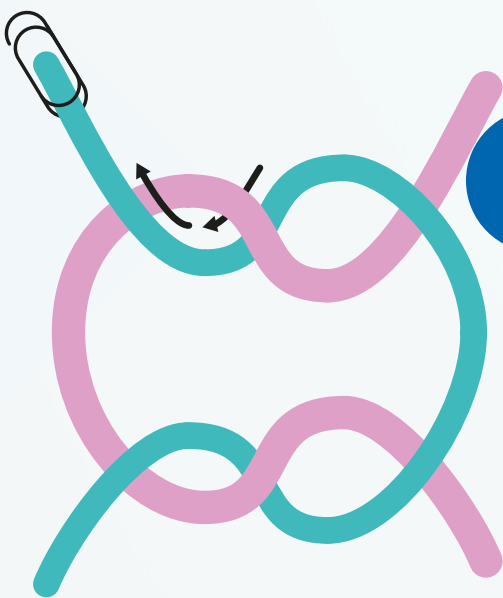
- 1** Cross the old thread over the new thread, left over right, to make an 'X'. (old thread should be on top)



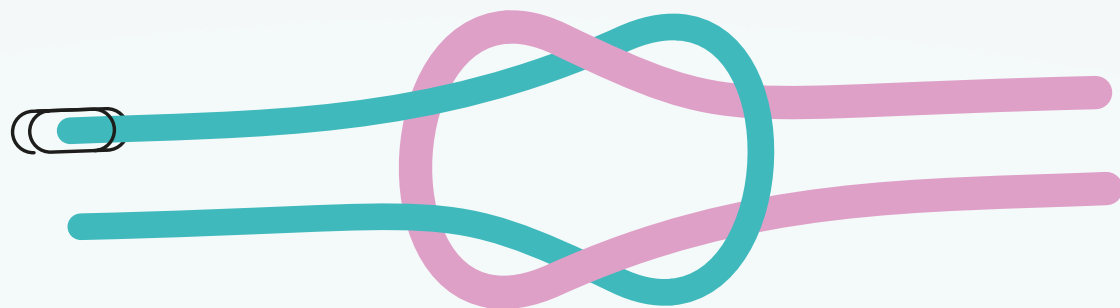
- 2** Take your old thread and loop it under the new thread and back up.



- 3** Now cross the two threads again, right over left, with the old thread on top.



- 4** Loop the old thread under the new thread again, then pull tight!



Congratulations! You have tied a reef or square knot!