



Weave a Rug with Superior Cotton Loops



SIZE: 30" X 40" without fringe

MATERIALS: 4-ply 100% cotton rug warp (1600 yds/lb from Cotton Clouds) 3 lbs Superior Cotton Loops (from Cotton Clouds)

WARP: 4-ply cotton rug warp (2 ½ oz natural) Total ends in warp: 173 Sett: 6 epi Width in reed: 30" (6 dent) Length of warp: 2 ½ yds

WEFT: Superior Cotton Loops (3 lbs) chained together

INSPIRATION: Think of your natural colored warp as a blank canvas on which you can paint any design with a variety of colored cotton loops. You can loop them together in any pattern you choose. You can plan stripes by looping the same colors together in a balanced, consistent pattern or just use a random assortment of colors. Weaving with your cotton loops allows you to design your pattern right on the loom as you join the loops together.

TO JOIN LOOPS: After joining a new loop to the chain, pull taut so that the knot will lay flat during weaving. Join 20-25 loops in one chain for an easy-to-handle weft end that will fill up one rag shuttle and weave about 5-6 rows. For a truly random patterning of colors, do not look at the colors as you join them to the chain.

WEAVING Using a plain weave treadling, weave an 8" heading with rag strips. These will be removed when the rug is off the loom. The warp woven with these rags will serve as your fringe. Weave 6 shots of rug warp next. This will remain in your rug and become the

Begin weaving your cotton loops. Leave a 4" tail out on the left hand side of the warp on the first shot. Weave this tail in the next row of weaving. The cotton loops have a great deal of stretch, so pull to the salvage ends in each row of weaving, but lay the weft in an arch with enough slack to weave properly.

To join a new chain of loops together, follow the steps in the diagram and wind on shuttle. The loop knots are a prominent part of the rug's texture and design, so do not be concerned with concealing them. Continue weaving for 45" (measured with the tension released to allow for a 40" completed length once rug is off the loom). Weave 6 shots of rug warp for your final heading. Weave in an 8" heading of rag strips, which will also be removed when the rug is off the loom. Keep the tension on your loom tight and beat before and after each shot.

FINISHING Remove the rug from your loom. Tie fringe ends in groups of four. Trim fringe to desired length (about 3"). Cotton loop rugs are durable. Wash in warm water with mild detergent in washing machine. Machine dry. Allow 10% shrinkage.

How to Chain Loops

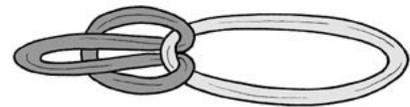
Loop #2

Loop #1



Loop #2

Loop #1



Loop #2

Loop #1



Chain the loops together to create your weft yarn for weaving

Step 1: Lay Loop #2 on top of Loop #1 (Fig 2a)

Step 2: Bring the end of Loop #2 under Loop #1 and back through Loop #2. (Fig 2b)

Step 3: Pull the loops taut so that knot is very tight.

Step 4: Continue chaining loops together in any color sequence for about 5-6 loops.

Repeat steps #1-4 as needed to add more weft yarn (chained loops) to your weaving.

To add more weft yarn (chained loops) to your weaving, simply make a new chain of loops and chain them to the end of the last loop in your weft yarn.



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