

HOW TO MAKE POTHOLDERS USING HOMESTEAD WEAVING STUDIO'S "LITTLE LOOPY" KITS

Start by selecting the colors. You will need 40 loops for the Jumbo and 32 for the Traditional. String loops on all the pegs across two opposing sides of the loom. This is called the WARP. If you're using our Hybrid kit, you will need 20 Jumbo loops and 16 Traditional loops. The Baby kit takes 22 of the smallest size loops.



Choose the colors you will use to weave. This is called the WEFT. Select the first loop for the weaving row. You can either use the weaving hook (shown) or weave the loops over and under with your fingers. (The drawhook is included in the Jumbo and Hybrid kits only.)

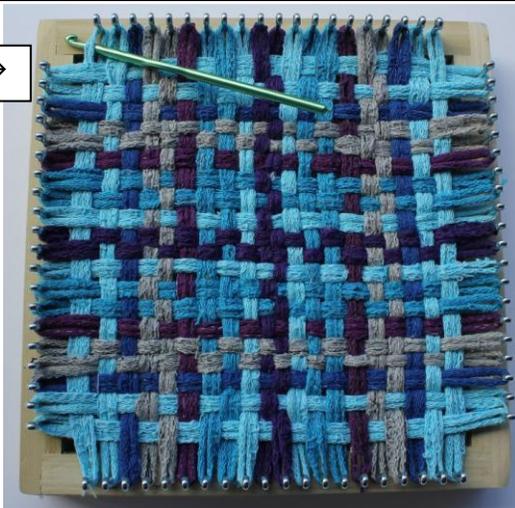


You can plan your pattern by placing the unwoven loops over the side pegs. Once you have done 7 or 8 rows, use the bottom end of your crochet hook to push each row down toward the first row, packing the loops together and straightening the rows. You should have some space around the edges of your weaving. Continue weaving until all your weft loops have been used.

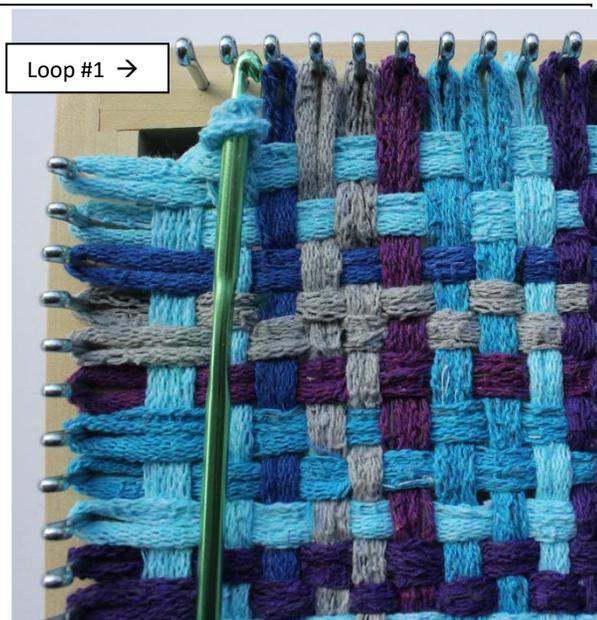


Hanging loop →

Pick a loop on one of the outside pegs that is strong and can serve as a hanging loop when the potholder is finished. Begin the chaining on the next loop to the right on the loom.



Remove loop #1 from the pin and put it on the crochet hook. Pick up loop #2 and pull it through the first loop. Continue around the first side of the loom, picking up a loop and chaining off the one on the hook. You should never have more than two loops on the crochet hook.



After completing the loops on the first side of the loom, turn the corner and continue on for a few more loops. Then pick up one of the already chained loops and put one strand back on an empty pin. This will create a tension loop that will make it easier to finish the remaining potholder without having loops pop off the loom. Keep chaining until you return to the hanging loop (last loop standing) and carefully remove the potholder from the loom. Gently stretch the potholder edge with the hanging loop until you have an extra long final loop. You can loop it under itself to help secure it. Adjust the tension loop back into place and you're done.



Congratulations! You have finished a potholder! Grab the sides of the piece and pull and stretch the weaving into shape. Using small scissors and a pick, trim off any loose ends from the sock loops and pick out any elastic threads that have worked their way out of the loop. Your potholder is predominantly cotton and can be hand- or machine-washed. It will shrink a bit the first time, but will last for decades under normal use.



“A Little Loopy” potholder kits and loop refills can be purchased from Homestead Weaving Studio, LLC. The looms are handmade here at the studio using Indiana poplar from a local sawmill. We are located in Southeastern Brown County, Indiana.

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