

# CREATE WITH THE COLUMBUS MUSEUM

## Nature Weaving



### INSPIRED BY



*Tapetito* was created by Martha Clippinger and Licha Gonzalez Ruiz in 2016. Martha Clippinger was born and raised in Columbus, GA and is known for her marvelous textile designs filled with geometric shapes and bold colors. She and Ruiz worked together to create this tapestry. A tapestry is made by weaving textiles, such as wool, together.

Enjoy creating your own weaving with nature's help for a loom!



### DIRECTIONS



#### Supplies:

- "Y" shaped branch
- Yarn, ribbon, long leaves or grass
- Scissors
- Optional: plastic yarn needle and fork

#### Directions:

1. Take your clean branch and a piece of yarn (the length depends on how long and wide your branch is). Tie your yarn on one branch where they meet at the "V".
2. Begin making your warp. This is the foundation for your weaving. Make your warp by taking your tied string across to the opposite branch, wrap around, and go across to the opposite side. Continue this until you have filled the "V" space of your branch.
3. Select which yard, thread, or other material you would like to weave with and tie it to the bottom warp. This is called a weft. The weft is the yarn you weave through the warp.
4. Going over and under, weave your material through the warp to the end, then back to the beginning. Treat the warp threads as if they were flat (it's a little odd at first since one side is slightly higher than the other). Continue until you're ready for a new weaving material.
5. When you're ready to use a new material, simply tie the new piece to the end of the piece you have been using. Continue weaving until complete.
6. Make sure to push the weft as close to the branch as you weave (a fork is perfect to use!). This will make more space for yarn and help create a tight weaving!

