

## SE2SE Wooly Weaving Challenge

### Direct Warping on the Rigid Heddle Loom

Make your warp plan

Have your yarn ready in center pull balls

Or balls in buckets, spools in a shoe box or on a rack

Secure the loom and the warping peg

Place yarn at the back of the loom

Measure heddle and mark the width of your project, center it

Tie the warp yarn to the apron rod

Pull loop of yarn through the first slot

Bring loop to peg

Return to back of loom

Bring up the next loop, going around the apron rod

Repeat across the warp

Have paper or slats ready, cut to fit the warp beam

Wind warp onto the warp beam

Wind and let the loom move towards the peg

Or have a helper hold the warp peg and move it to the loom

Wind until there is 12-14" in front of the heddle

Cut the loops and tie it off in 1" groups

Begin threading – move one of each pair of warp threads from the slot to the adjacent hole, retying the 1" bundles as you go

Tie the warp on to the front apron rod

Tie each 1" bundle, using a larks head knot, one tie for now

Check and adjust the tension, then make the second tie

Advance the warp a little and weave the header

Leaving space for fringe if your warp length requires this.

Start weaving!

### Weaving Tips

#### Beating – or Placing the Weft

-Measure your ppi and adjust your beat/pressure

-For a balanced weave, look for little squares between the warp & weft yarns

#### Selvages

-Use your shuttle, not your fingers, to seat the weft thread

Give a Little Tug until you see the warp threads move

Place the weft with the heddle or beater – this brings the weft pick to full width

Then move the heddle to the next position – this locks the weft pick into place

For Floor or Table Looms – change the shed with the beater at the fell

Throw, (Tug) Beat, Change Your Feet

**Hem stitching** is an option at the beginning and the end of your scarf

There are many directions and videos online – search “hem stitch weave”

The basic effect is to wrap, then anchor, repeat