What you’ll need . . .

» Piece of cardboard, approx. 5” x 7”
» Yarn
» Pencil
» Tape
» Scissors
» Tapestry needle
» Ruler or measuring tape
» Fork

Step One: Make Your Loom

The Dabble Box has provided cards that need to be cut into 5×7 inch pieces. The easiest way to do this is to use the paper cutter.

1 Make 20 small marks, ½ cm apart and centered along the short edges of the cardboard.

2 Cut short notches where the marks you drew are located.
Step Two: Make Your Coaster

1. Warp the loom. The term “warp” refers to the thread that is tensely strung up and down on the loom. The warp will be kept at constant tension and will hold the woven fabric together. To warp your cardboard loom, take a piece of yarn and insert it into one of the end notches. The end should fall behind the loom and reach at least the midway point of the cardboard. Tape the end of the warp yarn to the back of the loom. Turn the loom over and wrap the yarn over the front and down to the first notch on the opposite edge. Continue wrapping the yarn around, securing it in place with tape if necessary. When you reach the last notch, bring the yarn to the back and cut it. Tape down the cut end. **Tip:** The warp thread will create the decorative fringes on your coaster so choose color accordingly.

2. You’ll need about 8 yards of yarn to weave your coaster. If you’d like stripes, make sure each color is no longer than 2 yards (or 6 feet) and cut 2 pieces of each color.

3. Draw guideline marks 1½ inches in from the top and bottom edges. This will mark where your weaving will begin and end. **Tip:** This loom will create coasters roughly 3½ inches wide. You can adjust the length of your coasters by adjusting your guidelines.
Weave the yarn using either a tapestry needle or a paperclip. Weave over-one, under-one, at the bottom guideline you marked. Proceed with this over-one, under-one pattern across the warp threads. Pull the yarn through so there is a 4 inch tail hanging over the edge. Now weave your way back from right to left, under-one, over-one. When you pull your yarn through, create an arc. This will ensure that your weaving is not too tight. Take a fork and use it to push the arc down to meet the first row. This is called “beating down” the yarn. Continue weaving until you have about 6 inches of yarn left. Then, drop the yarn off to the side and pick up another piece of yarn. Repeat this step (alternating colors for a striped effect) until you’ve finished weaving all your yarn.

**Step Three: Finishing Your Coaster**

1. Flip your loom over and remove the tape from the ends. Snip all the warp threads at the middle. Carefully remove the warp threads from the loom notches and lift the loom from your woven piece.

2. With the backside of the coaster facing up, take the first loose tail of yarn and thread it onto the needle. Insert the needle down through the channel inside the side edge of the woven piece.
With the piece either way up, grasp the two right-most warp threads, one in each hand. Place the right thread over the left thread. Now use your right hand to pull the end of the right thread through the space between the two threads and then upward to form a knot. Don’t pull too tightly, or the edge of your coaster will be pulled inward. Now set the right thread on top of the coaster and place the thread being held in your left hand into your right hand and use your left hand to take the next warp thread. Repeat this step all the way across. When finished, flip the coaster over and repeat the entire process on the other side of the same edge. To clarify, you will do this step twice on the same edge. When done with that edge, rotate the coaster and repeat this entire step on the opposite edge. Finally, trim the fringe to your desired length.