



Making Your Own Peg Loom

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Materials List:

Ruler

Pencil

1 x 3 Pine lengths– Clear Pine is best

Oak Dowels – these are harder than pine making them better for the warp holes

Saw – hand or table

Drill – electric or drill press

Drill bits or Forstner Bits the size of your dowels

Sand Paper

Optional: a clear finish for the pine base if desired

Decide how long you want your loom to be. If you know you are going to make lots of rugs, then determine the width of the rugs you want to make and allow for an extra 4 inches on the board. For instance, if you want a 4 foot wide rug, then cut your board 52 inches long to allow for 2" on either side for your clamp.

Setting the board on its side, find the center of your board and draw a light line. Measure the middle of the width of your board and draw a line down the middle of the whole board. This will be your guideline to make the rest of your holes for the dowels. Make an "X"; you will measure everything from this point both right and left.

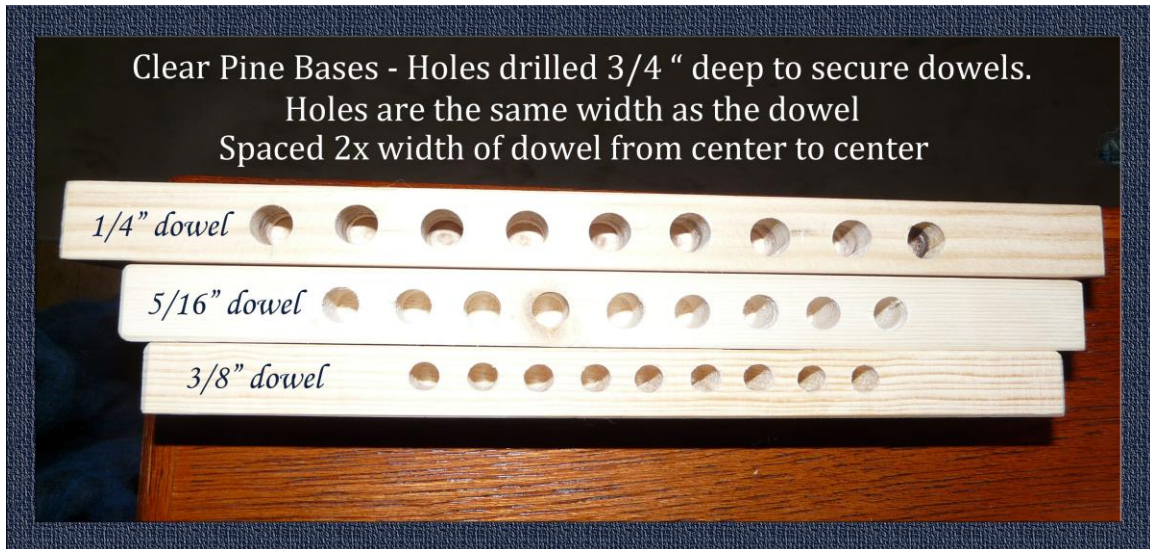
Measure your dowel circumference. Double that measurement, this is the setting for each dowel from center to center. Starting from the center "X" mark your board on each side leaving a 2" space at the end of each board.

Take your drill or Forstner bit and drill each "X" $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch deep to hold your weaving dowels. Sand the top to remove the rough edges from drilling.



Determine how long you want your dowels. From 3" – 6" long. Mark your dowel and cut each length. Measure and mark each dowel 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches from the bottom of the dowel and make a small "X" this is your threading hole for the warp threads. For smaller looms and

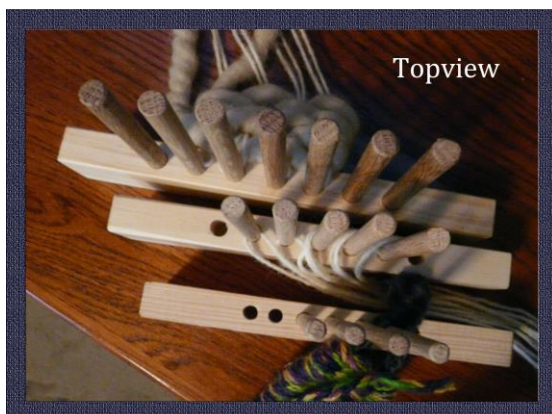
thinner dowels, you can make 1/8" hole. For larger dowels we suggest a larger hole to hold thicker warp threads.



Drill holes in each dowel. Sand the ends of each dowel and lightly sand over the hole on the side of the dowel.

Your loom is now ready to use. If you desire, you can continue to make a base for your loom. Using the 1x3 pine, laying it width side up, measure the board 2" longer than your loom. Using one of these 3 methods to secure the base to the loom:

1. Glue the loom to the base leaving 1" on each side for clamping. This is permanent.
2. Dowel method: Drill 2 holes in the bottom of your peg loom 1" away from the ends about 1" deep the size of your dowels. Measure 2" in on each side of the base board and drill holes 3/4 "deep. Cut 2 dowels 1 1/2" long, sand each piece. Place a sanded dowel in each hole in the base, place your loom on the top of the dowels.
3. Using 2 – 2" wood screws, screw the base and loom together, sinking the screwhead.



If you want, finish your loom with a finish of your choice.