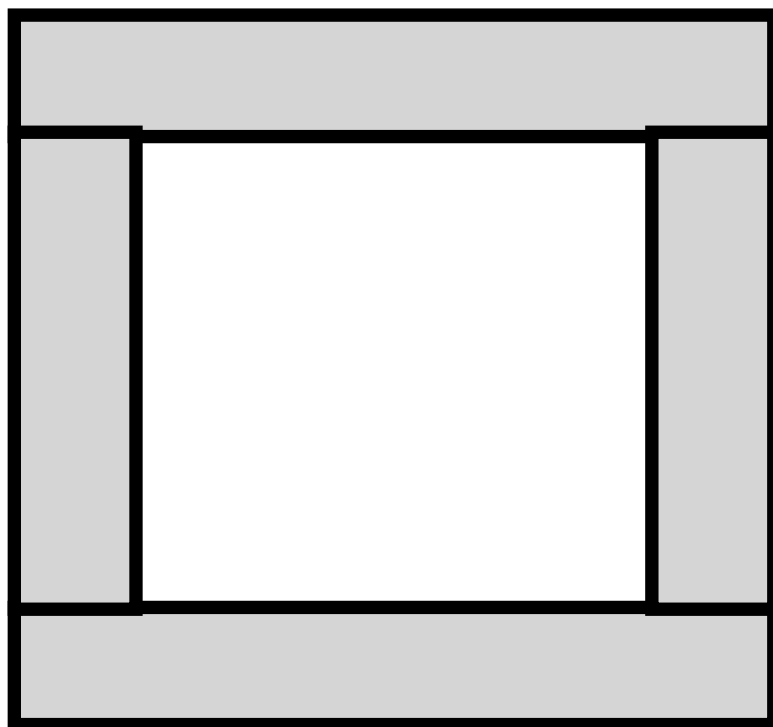


CONSTRUCTING A POTHOLDER LOOM

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* Please note, all measurements provided are in mm and cm.



This potholder loom is a very simple and affordable project. We made a 7" loom, but the size is adjustable to your requirements. Commercial potholder loom sizes are typically 6", 7" or 9".

Bear in mind that the size of your finished square will be smaller than the outer or inner frame size - usually around 1.5" smaller.

You will need 4 pieces of timber to complete this project. This wood does not have to be brand new, it just needs to be smooth, solid and to not split open when hammered with nails.

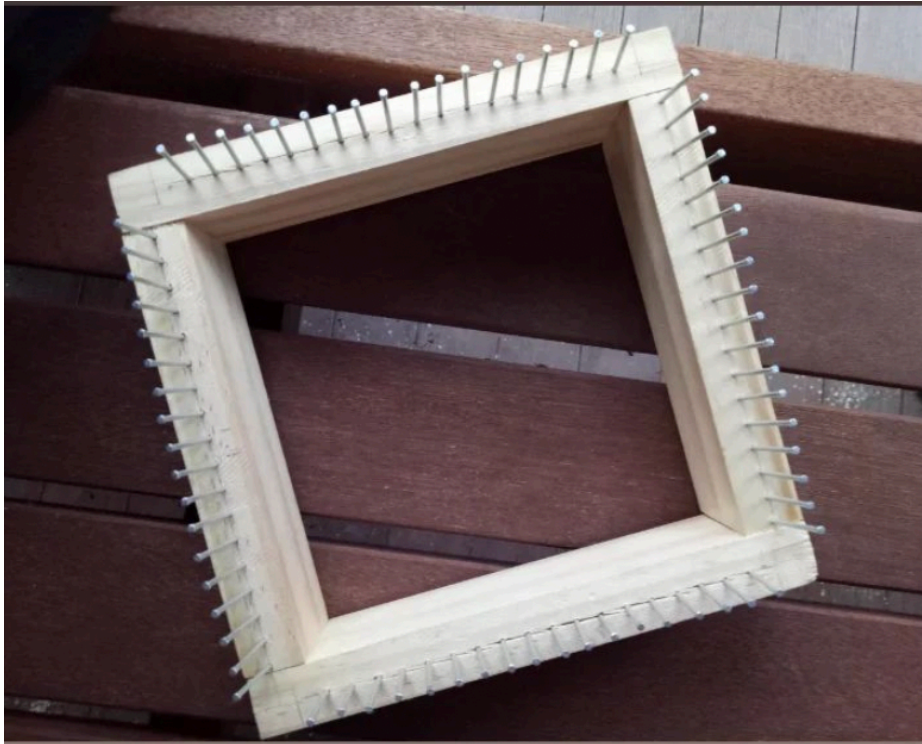
The timber thickness is 1.9cm x 4.1cm width. Again, this is not set in stone, you can work with what you have.

Here are the cut measurements for your pieces:

2 x 17.8 cm

2 x 14 cm

We turned the wood pieces on edge to make a taller, box like frame.

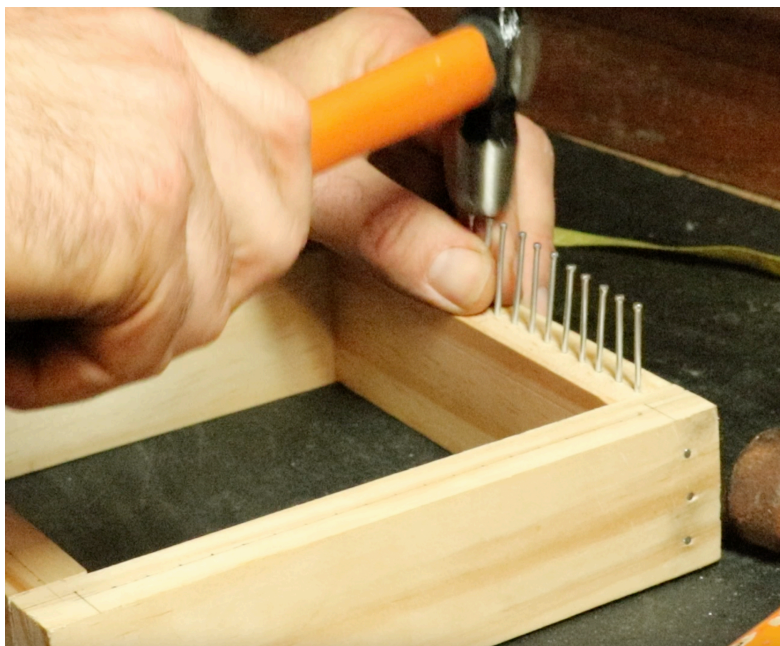


These pieces were secured together with 3 nails at each end - you could also use wood glue to secure the frame before hammering in the nails.

For the “pegs” we used bullet head nails that are 30x 1.6mm. These are a really ideal size and style, as the bullet head is smooth, allowing you to slip the yarn loops off easily at the end. They’re also a good length for loom pegs after hammering in.

We marked out and hammered in nails every 9 millimetres. We left enough space at each corner (about 20mm) so that there were no corner nails and so that the nails were spaced evenly.

Every side of the loom has 18 nails and so you need a total of 72 nails for the loom.



Take your time with this step. Your nails do not need to be perfectly straight, just try to be consistent with the spacing and angle.

Once the nails are all in you can start weaving on the loom straight away!

If you also want to make a wire hook, coathanger wire or fencing wire is suitable. We used a vice and pair of pliers to bend to the right shape.

Have a look at the photo of my wire hook on the next page.

I've also provided a template on the last page so that you can understand the shape (please note, the thickness of the hook in the template is not the same as the wire thickness - I traced the shape so you could get an approximate).



Watch my video here for more details on the loom and for a step by step tutorial on weaving a square with wool.

[Potholder loom Youtube tutorial...](#)

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