

The Boho Pillow

Rigid Heddle Loom Project



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Weaving level:

This project is designed for the adventurous beginner up to the more advanced weaver.

This pattern should be used in conjunction with the video instructions for the Boho Pillow available [here on my Youtube channel](#).

A project like this is very open to interpretation and individual tastes and preferences. You can weave the pillow cover entirely from your stash yarn if desired, it would be a great way to use up leftovers.

I used a fingering weight wool in various colours, a recycled Sari silk yarn and recycled Sari ribbon.

To complete this project you do need to know how to warp and weave on your rigid heddle loom, and have ideally completed a project or two (or at least a sample or two).

If you want to learn more about rigid heddle weaving or gain more confidence with your loom before attempting this project, I recommend my online course, [which is available here](#).

The video tutorial for this project [can be found here](#).

***IMPORTANT!** Please take the time to read through all the information before commencing the project so that the instructions are clear in your mind.

MATERIALS AND NEED TO KNOW:

The direct warping method is used for this project. As the full width of my [50cm Lojan Flex Rigid Heddle](#) was used, I used multiple pegs to spread the warp while winding.

Please read through the instructions before beginning and be sure to pair this pattern with the related video.

What you need:

- * Rigid heddle loom 50cm (20”) weaving width or wider (I used the **Lojan Flex 50cm**)
- * 19 x 10 dent heddle sections
- * 6 x 2.5 dent heddle sections
- * 3 x 5 dent heddle sections
- * Stick shuttles longer than the width of the project
- * Direct warping peg or warping board
- * Reed and threading hook
- * Scissors
- * Sewing machine (or sew by hand)
- * **Pillow insert - 14 x 14”**
- * **Tapestry needle** for hemstitch
- * Sewing needle and thread to secure flap

BOHO PILLOW PROJECT INFORMATION:

Sett - variable - 10, 5 & 2.5

Number of ends - 151

Width on the loom - 19.5”

Total warp length - 65”

Weave structure - plain weave

Weaving length on the loom - 37”

Length off the loom - 75”

Length off the loom - 36”

Width off the loom - 16”

Wet finishing - Soak garment in warm, mildly soapy water (don't agitate) for at least 1 hour. Warm rinse, press out excess water between clean, dry towels, gently pull into shape if needed and dry flat in the shade.

Sewing - Use a sewing machine or hand sew

YARNS:

For the 10 dent sections:

I chose to use Bendigo Woollen Mills 4 ply Luxury wool (fingering weight) for warp and weft in yellow, pink, blue, green and purple.

For the warp-

Fingering weight wool in various colours - 186 yards total

For the weft- 300 yards (approximately)

For the 5 dent sections:

I chose to use **recycled Sari Ribbon Yarn.**

You will need a 100gram skein, which will be enough for both warp and weft, following my instructions.

For the 2.5 dent sections:

I chose to use **Recycle Sari Soft Yarn**

You will need a 100gram skein, which will be enough for both warp and weft, following my instructions.

The wraps per inch for the fingering weight yarn: 20 wpi

Possible Yarn Substitutes-

Fingering weight-

Jubilee Yarn Merino Fingering weight

Cascade Heritage Sock Yarn

Berroco Ultra Wool Fine fingering

THE HEDDLE SET UP

5 x 10 dent sections

*1 x 2.5

1x 5

1 x 2.5

3 x 10 dent

Repeat from * 2 more times for a total of 3 repeats

Finish with 5 x 10 dent

This makes a warp width of 50cm or 19.5” approx

Total ends for project with this heddle segment set up - 152 ends

10 dent - 128

5 dent - 12

2.5 dent - 12

WARPING COLOUR SEQUENCE (SLOTS)

First 10 dent section:

*Pink - 1 slot (2 ends)

Yellow - 1 slot

Purple - 1 slot 40 ends total

Green - 1 slot

Blue - 1 slot

Repeat from * for a total of 4 times

First 2.5 dent section:

Recycled Sari Yarn - 1 slot (2 ends)

First 5 dent section:

Sari Ribbon Yarn - 2 slots (4 ends)

Next 2.5 dent section:

Recycled Sari Yarn - 1 slot (2 ends)

Next 10 dent section:

Blue - 3 slots (6 ends)

Green - 3 slots (24 ends total)
Purple - 3 slots
Pink - 1 slot
Yellow - 1 slot
Pink - 1 slot

2.5 dent section:

Recycled Sari Yarn - 1 slot (2 ends)

5 dent section:

Sari Ribbon Yarn - 2 slots (4 ends)

2.5 dent section:

Recycled Sari Yarn - 1 slot (2 ends)

10 dent section:

Pink - 1 slot (2 ends)
Yellow - 1 slot
Pink - 1 slot (24 ends total)
Purple - 3 slots (6 ends)
Green - 3 slots
Blue - 3 slots

2.5 dent section:

Recycled Sari Yarn - 1 slot (2 ends)

5 dent section:

Sari Ribbon Yarn - 2 slots (4 ends)

2.5 dent section:

Recycled Sari Yarn - 1 slot (2 ends)

Last 10 dent section:

*Blue - 1 slot
Green - 1 slot
Purple - 1 slot
Yellow - 1 slot (40 ends total)
Pink - 1 slot

Repeat from * for a total of 4 times

I begin threading from the left and work my way to the right. Thread the hole to the left of the slot each time, as shown in the video.

DIRECT WARPING

We are using the direct warping method for this project. Following the video, warp your loom with the required number of ends and total warp length.

[Following the video tutorial](#), set up your loom and begin to warp. You can follow my exact colour order, or make your own colour choices. In this step we are threading slots only - taking a loop of appropriate yarn size through each slot to the warping peg.

When the slots are threaded, roll your warp on, using separation at the back of the warp to ensure even tension (I use [brown craft paper on a roll](#)).

Thread the loom for plain weave and tie on directly onto the front apron rod. Eliminate the very last slot thread. Separate your warp using your preferred method (cardboard sticks or waste yarn).

WEAVING SEQUENCE

*4 picks purple

4 blue

4 pink

2 yellow

1" purple,

1/2" green

1 sari yarn

1/2" green

1" purple

1 sari ribbon

start again from*

Repeat until weaving measures 37"

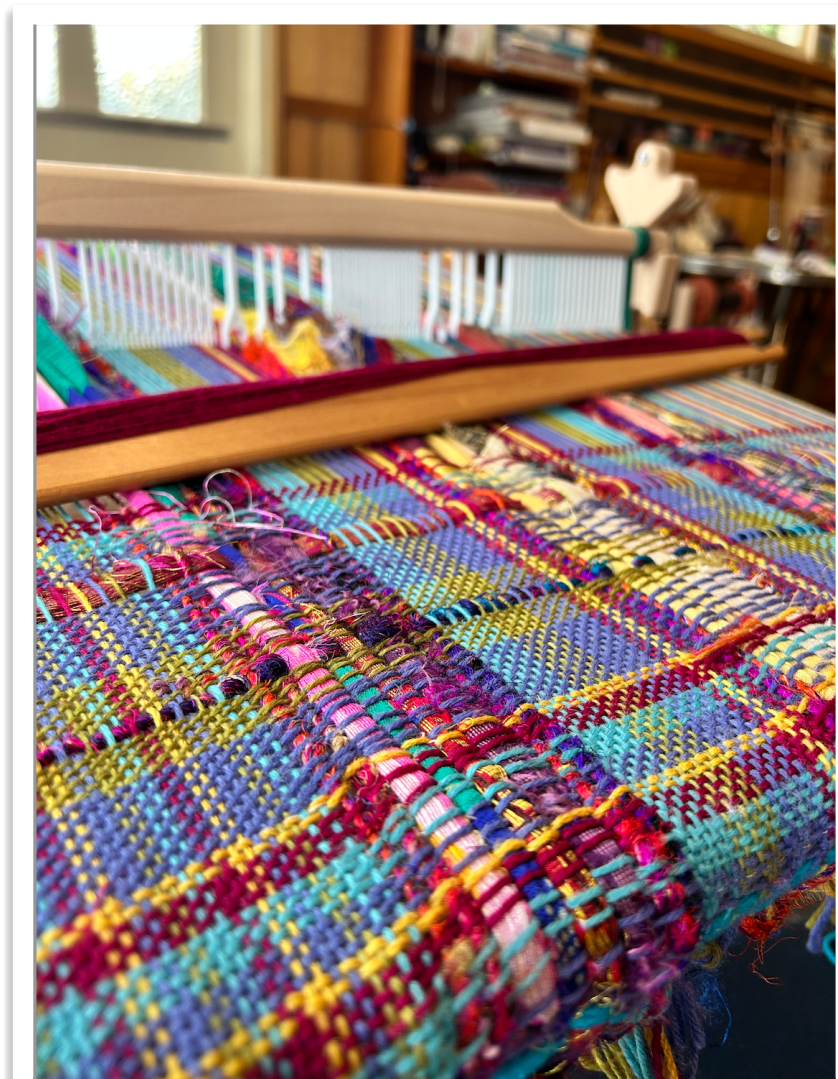
Finished dimensions off the loom after wet finish: 36 x 16"

SEWING UP THE PILLOW COVER

Fold up the non twisted fringe end with right sides of the fabric facing together. Fold up so that it measures 13.5" as a pocket (check the video if unsure).

Sew seams either side, either with the sewing machine or by hand. Place the pillow insert inside this pocket and fold the top flap over.

You can leave the pillow as is, or you can hand sew a couple of stitches on the flap to keep it in place.



Congratulations on finishing the Boho Pillow!

I hope you enjoyed this free project! I try to release a free project once a year to promote weaving for EVERYONE! If you feel inclined, I do [gratefully welcome donations](#) to help support these projects. Thank you so much 🥰

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