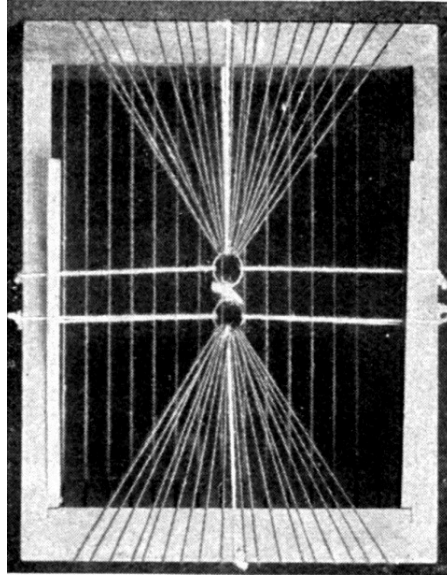


A Doll's Hammock

Miss Dolly gets a hammock, and the loom does the hard part.



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"Ring to groove, groove to ring, buttonhole, and back again."

1 Set Up the Loom

This is a hammock for a doll, woven on the loom itself and about 9 and a half inches across. Adjust the loom to its full size, then tie two rings together and fasten them at the back of the loom, to the head, foot and sides, using white cord. Stringing this way keeps the sides shorter than the centre, so Miss Dolly cannot fall out.

2 Wind the String

Decide how close together the warp is to be strung, then measure the right length: 22 warp strings of 31 inches for the metal loom, or 29 of the same length for the wooden loom. Wind the string onto a long thin stick, or a penholder, so it passes easily through the rings.

3 String the Warp

Tie the first warp string to the top ring, draw it tightly through the first groove, across the face of the loom to the opposite groove, and to the back through the bottom ring, making a buttonhole stitch there. Return the same way over the face of the loom to the top ring, make another buttonhole stitch, and keep going until the whole warp is strung. Keep it firm and tight, holding the string and ring in your left hand while you stitch with your right.

4 Weave the Woof

Cut the woof cords long enough to leave a fringe on each side, then weave each cord separately across the loom, tying them in pairs around the rods. Stripes of one or more colours can be woven at

each end or at intervals, and alternating two colours as you go runs the stripes lengthwise instead of crosswise.

5

Finish the Fringe

Knot the fringe at each side. To keep the top and bottom woof cords from pulling out of place, thread a tape needle with cord and tie each warp string close to the woof.

6

Take It Off the Loom

To remove the hammock from the loom, cut the two rings apart, then lift the warp strings from the grooves. You can cover a piece of rattan with buttonhole stitch to make a stretcher for the head, and fasten that to the hammock.

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