

CD Coaster Weaving

Materials Needed:

1. CD
2. 4-7 yards of yarn for warp (this will be mostly hidden; size 5 pearl cotton or size 10 crochet thread works well).
3. scissors
4. tapestry needle (cheap plastic one works well)
5. $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 oz. yarn for the weft (this is your design yarn; it can be more than 1 color or type)
6. masking tape

Directions:

1. (Note: the label side is the front; the shiny side is the back). Hang 3-4" of your warp yarn over the back of the CD and secure with a small piece of masking tape.

2. "Warp" your CD by wrapping the warp yarn through the center hole, up over the front edge and down the back through the center hole again. It will look like spokes on a wheel. It doesn't matter how many times you wrap the yarn (more wraps if your "design" yarn is thin, less if it is fatter) but **you must end up with an uneven number of wraps!** Try to wrap with an even tension on each spoke.



3. Double-check that you have an uneven number of spokes!



4. Tie the beginning and the end of the warp yarn together, on the back, but near the outer edge. When you are finished weaving, you will tuck these ends under the finished weaving in the front. Don't cut the tails! To keep them out of your way while weaving, retape them to the back of the CD.

5. Slide the spokes around until they look evenly spaced around the CD.
6. Cut a length of weft yarn about 18" long and thread it through your needle. Leave a tail 2-3"long (you will tuck this under your weaving as you progress) and begin to weave over and under the spokes. You will know as soon as you have woven the first round if you have an uneven number of spokes- the second round will automatically cover the opposite spokes your first round covered.



7. As you weave, periodically push down the weft all around so that you continue to weave in a circle that is evenly distanced from the outer edge. You will see less and less of the warp yarn as your circle grows.



8. When you change colors or come to the end of a piece of weft yarn, leave a tail on the old piece and tuck it under the finished weaving. Leave a tail on the new length of yarn and tuck that under the finished weaving also.
9. Weave until you can't squeeze another row in. Then, untape the knotted beginning and end warp thread from the back and tuck the tails under the finished weaving.