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This Week's Craft: Weaving

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- [Rainbow Weaver by Linda Elovitz Marshall](#) Ixchel wants to follow in the long tradition of weaving on backstrap looms, just as her mother, grandmother, and most Mayan women have done for more than two thousand years but there is not enough extra thread for Ixchel to practice with. As she walks around her village, Ixchel finds it littered with colorful plastic bags. Suddenly, Ixchel has an idea! She collects and washes the plastic bags. Then she cuts each bag into thin strips. Sitting at her loom, Ixchel weaves the plastic strips into a colorful fabric that looks like a beautiful rainbow-just like the weavings of Mayan women before her.
- [On the Loom by Maryanne Moodie](#) In On the Loom, Maryanne Moodie brings the ancient art of weaving to the modern day in a comprehensive guide packed with step-by-step tutorials and beautiful photography. Learn the basics of this simple and beautiful craft with valuable information on basic stitches, tools needed, and even how to make your own looms. Split by loom type-circular, rectangular, and even found objects-24 lush, bohemian, and uniquely modern projects for the home and to wear draw deeply on the nostalgic quality of vintage textiles. In addition to the how-to, this is the ultimate resource for finding your own creativity and style through this medium, from learning which materials to use for different effects to discovering how to use color to create vintage-inspired projects with a modern twist.
- [Stitch and String Lab for Kids by Cassie Stephens](#) In Stitch and String Lab for Kids, art teacher and winner of the Netflix bake-off show Nailed It! Cassie Stephens presents 40+ inventive projects that explore everything from simple sewing, embroidery, and weaving to string art, needle felting, and yarn crafts.

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[A Weaverly Path \(2011\)](#) An intimate, visually stunning portrait of Swiss-born tapestry weaver Silvia Heyden that captures the inner dialogue and meditations of an extraordinary artist in the moments of creation.

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