

# Tinkle Loom Warping Instructions

Odd numbered circuits – go OVER the upper (U) bar.  
Even numbered circuits – go UNDER the upper (U) bar.  
The last circuit should be an “odd”.

U – Upper Bar  
H – Heddle Bar

F – Fixed Bars (F, F2, F3, F4)

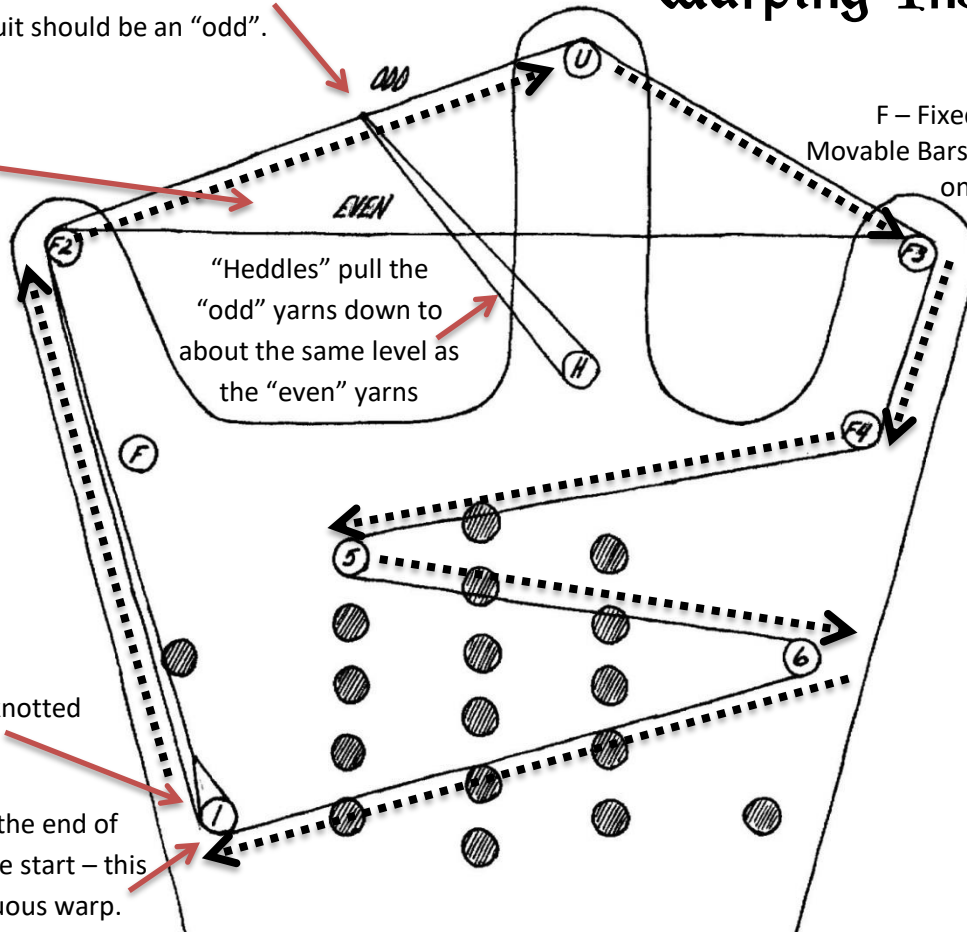
Movable Bars – 1, 5, 6 (this is just one of MANY possible arrangements)

The triangular space between even and odd yarns between F2 and U bars is called the “shed”

“Heddles” pull the “odd” yarns down to about the same level as the “even” yarns

Start here with a knotted loop of the yarn.

End here, by tying the end of the yarn back to the start – this creates the continuous warp.



The pegs fit tightly so they wobble less while weaving. Tap them into place gently with a hammer. Remove one peg (imagine an extra peg “7” between 6 and 1) after warping, so it can be inserted to increase tension during warping. Otherwise leave it out so the yarns aren’t under too much tension.

Individual heddles: cut scrap cotton yarn the length of a width of paper (8.5”), plus about ½”. Tie ends together with an overhand knot, forming a loop close to the end. Hook one end of the heddle on the heddle bar (H), pass over an odd numbered string, and hook the other end of the heddle over the heddle bar (H). This pulls the odd yarns down to almost the same level as the even yarns.

Continuous heddles: great instructions at <http://backstrapweaving.wordpress.com/tutorials/tutorial-continuous-string-heddles/> (except it works upside down, using the heddle bar (H), on this tinkle loom)

If you need more pegs, use 5/16” oak dowel from Lowe’s. (So far we haven’t been able to find this product at Home Depot.) The poplar dowels are NOT strong enough – use oak, or use nothing!

To weave – Pass the shuttle yarn through the shed from left to right. Change sheds by lifting the even yarns up so they are higher than the odd yarns – this is your “alternate shed”. Pack the weft by tapping the shuttle against the area where the odd and even yarns cross. Pass the shuttle from right to left. Change sheds by pushing the even yarns down lower than the odd yarns. Pack the weft. Repeat these steps. When there is no more room to pass the shuttle, advance the warp. To do this, you may have to remove the tension bar.