The concept is very simple. We’ve provided a lot of cord to allow for a bunch of different options for the length of your piece. First, cut the cord in two identical length pieces. The holes in the cord are large enough for the metal bars to fit through.

How to put the cord and bars on your loom:

1) Hook the required number of S-hooks on each bar. If you don’t put enough on, don’t worry because you can always add more while the bars are on the loom. For example, you would want six S-hooks on the top and five on the bottom for a piece that would be nine beads, and ten warp threads, wide.

2) Loop the two pieces of cord over the top of the loom. Stick the ends of the top bar through any hole in the Texsolv cord near the end of the cords. Take the other two tails of the cord underneath the loom and up to the top bar. You will be attaching the cord to that same top bar (the bottom bar gets inserted later). Make sure each cord is the same length. It does not have to be tight. The tension will be adjusted later.

3) To attach the bottom bar, first measure down from the bottom of the S-hook on the top bar to the place on the cord that is the length of the piece you want to weave PLUS the length of the S-hook on the bottom bar. If your piece is going to be six inches long, you will measure down six inches plus the length of the S-hooks. Stick the bottom bar into the two cords at this place. It will easily slide into the holes of the cord.

4) Refer to the photograph to the left. In order to warp the loom, tie (or use a slip knot) the end of the thread to either a top or bottom S-hook and then in a zigzag pattern slip your warp through the top and bottom S-hooks until you have as many warps as you need. Tie off (or use a slip knot) on the final S-hook.

5) Slide the cord that is on the outside of the top bar (the cord that runs the same path as your warp) off the top bar. Now you just have warp between the bars on the front of the loom.

6) Evenly space the S-hooks. Apply tension on the loom. Begin weaving as you normally would. The beads will space the warps as necessary and the S-hooks will make sure warps do not tangle or cross.

7) Weave until you have no more space left. The space created by the S-hooks will make up for your warp shrinking slightly when the piece is removed from the loom.

8) If you plan to weave another piece of the same length, replace the cords on the top bar so that when you remove your piece the bars remain attached to the loom. Reduce the tension on the loom and slip your piece off of the S-hooks.

The only remaining finishing will be to weave in the two warp ends when you’ve finished your piece!