Make a woven CD sea creature!

You will need:
- Weaving materials e.g. elastic, packing strap, yarn etc.
- An old CD
- Scissors

Optional: Create a needle using a paper clip with tape wrapped around one end (or you can just use your fingers for weaving)

Make a loom for weaving:

1a
Cut a length (~130cm) of yarn or other weaving material, thread it through the centre and around the edge of the CD to tie a knot. You can choose which side, shiny or covered, you would like to be the back.

1b
Wrap the length of yarn through the middle of the disc and round the edge an odd number of times to create the spokes, like the ‘spokes’ of a bicycle wheel. We recommend creating between 9-13 spokes. The more spokes the tighter your weaving will be.

Tie off the end of the yarn where you started. Spread-out the spokes so they are evenly spaced.

Well done! You’ve made a loom.

2a
Choose your first colour to weave with and cut a length. Tie one end to a spoke at the middle of the disc. Trim the short end near the knot that you won’t be weaving with.

2b
Weave the yarn under one spoke and over the next, round in a circle. Over, under, over, under…pull it through and keep going!

3
When you are finished with one colour, tie on the next, and continue weaving.

Note: leave about 10cm near the end of your yarn so you have enough length to tie a knot when attaching the next length of yarn.

4
To finish, tie the yarn to one of your loom spokes.

Congratulations! You’ve made a woven CD.

Get creative and transform your work of art into a sea-creature. Maybe the CD could be a turtle shell, jellyfish or octopus? What recycled craft materials could you use to make legs, fins or tentacles?
Ahoy Matey! Learn how to tie a knot like a real sailor...

1. Cross the old thread over the new thread, left over right, to make an ‘X’. (old thread should be on top)

2. Take your old thread and loop it under the new thread and back up.

3. Now cross the two threads again, right over left, with the old thread on top.

4. Loop the old thread under the new thread again, then pull tight!

Congratulations! You have tied a reef or square knot!