

# JL BOCES

## Makerspace

### Yarn Lucet



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#### Description of Project

A Yarn Lucet is an ancient tool that is used to make a simple cording from string or yarn. The original Lucets were made of wood, animal horns, or metal. However, the simple nature of these tools, lends themselves perfectly to reuse materials we have in abundance- Plastic



Forks! We will modify a plastic fork and learn how to use the tool to create beautiful cording for jewelry, sewing, and other projects.

## Materials Needed

1. Plastic Fork
2. Duct Tape (optional)
3. Yarn or thread of any weight or color.

## Steps

1. Start with a regular plastic fork, and carefully break off the middle two tines.
2. If there are any sharp areas in the middle, you may want to wrap thin pieces of duct tape or craft tape around them to protect the yarn and your hands.



3. Holding the bottom of the yarn and the fork in your left hand also, wrap the yarn through the space in the middle and around the front of the right tine.



4. Then go middle of the same of the



- around the back of the right tine, through the and around the front Zig zag in the way back right tine. around the front

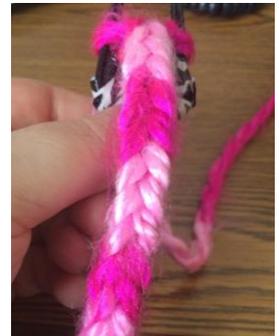


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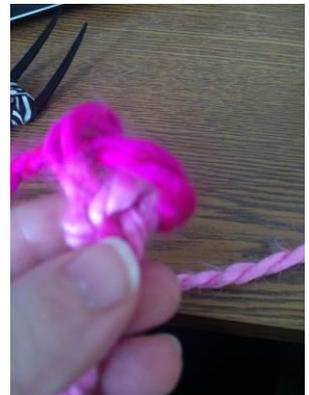
5. Pick up the bottom loop on the right tine and lift it over top. Then turn the fork around.



6. Place the yarn around the front of the right tine again. Lift the bottom loop over the top yarn. Turn the fork.
7. Continue turning and lifting the bottom loop over the right tine until you have the length of cording you would like. When you have reached the length desired, cut the yarn with at least 4 inches remaining.



8. Lift over the top of the last loop, then pull the cut cord through. Lift the loop off of the left tine and pull the cut cord through that.
9. Finish off with a knot in either end (optional).



## Finished Project



## Tips and Suggestions

1. The thicker the yarn the fatter the cord will be (and the faster the project will create).
2. Keep the yarn fairly loose so you can lift it over easily.
3. You may want to shimmy the yarn up to the top of the fork for ease.
4. You Tube Video for further instruction:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kh3l85F9LAE>

## Extension Projects

Projects that are related or use the same materials.

1. [Kumihimo braiding](#) (Japanese)
2. [Wooden Lucet making](#)
3. [Finger Knitting](#)
4. [Arm Knitting](#) (Double or triple regular weight yarn to get bulky yarn)