

TABLE LOOM

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



Table Loom shown with optional Double Back Beam



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PARTS

- 1 - Base assembly
- 1 - Castle assembly
- 1 - Beater assembly
- 1 - Reed
- 2 - Castle braces
- 2 - Lease sticks
- 3 - Apron bars

Arrow pegs - 4 for 4S; 8 for 8S

Lever cords - 4 for 4S; 8 for 8S; 21½" long

Heddle bars - 8 for 4S; 16 for 8S

Heddles -

4S Looms: 300 for 15" and 20"; 400 for 25"

8S Looms: 300 for 15"; 400 for 20"; 500 for 8S 25"

Heddle bar hooks (25" looms only): 8 for 4S; 16 for 8S

4 - #8 x 1½" trusshead screws (for 8S only)

4 - Rubber bumpers

2 - Barrel nuts

¼" x 1-1/8" trusshead screws (6 for 4S; 12 for 8S)

2 - ¼ x 3" flathead machine screws

1 - 16" Apron cords (6 for 15"; 8 for 20"; 10 for 25")

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1. Unpack the table loom and remove all of the packing material and tape. Locate the small plastic bag which contains the hardware and the apron cords for your loom (see parts list).

2. On 8-shaft looms only, the cross brace is only partially secured for shipping purposes. Remove the screws (A) on each side and discard. Raise the cross brace up and screw into both A & B with the four 1½" truss head screws.

3. Attach the castle. Loosely secure the castle braces to the rear legs with 3" flathead machine screws and barrel nuts. Place the castle assembly between the sides of the loom frame and secure it, threading the 1-1/8" trusshead screws through each loom side into the inserts on the inside of the castle side (2 per side on the 4S, 4 on the 8S). Secure the castle brace to the castle side in the same manner (D) (1 screw per side on the 4S, and 2 on the 8S). Tighten the screw at the rear of the castle brace.

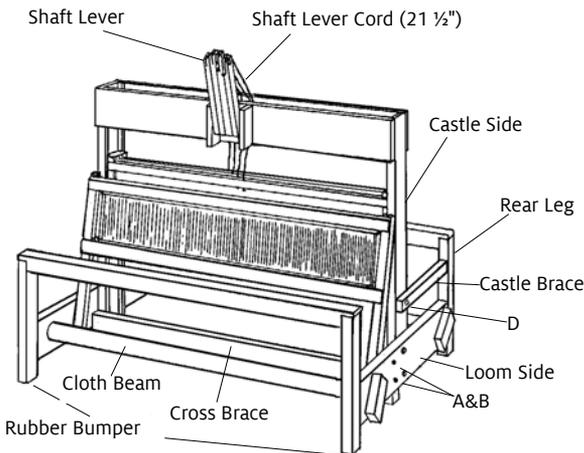


FIGURE 1: ASSEMBLED 4-SHAFT LOOM

4. Attach the rubber bumpers. Peel the backing off the rubber bumpers and press them into the indentations in the bottom of the legs.

5. Attach the apron bars. There is one apron cord for each hole in the cloth and warp beams. Take an apron cord and insert one end a few inches through a

hole in the beam then put the other end of the apron cord through the second loop in from the short end that you put through the beam. Pull firmly on the cord to tighten it around the beam (figure 2A). Repeat this procedure across each of the beams. To attach the apron bar to the apron cords, start at one end of the beam with the outermost cord and work across. Fold the end of the looped cord at about 4" from the end and insert this doubled cord through the second loop from the end of the cord (see Fig. 2B). Slide the apron bar through the loop formed by the doubled over cord at point X. Pull the cord tight. Repeat across the entire beam.

6. Install the heddles. Remove the shafts from the bottom of the castle. Lay two heddle bars on a flat surface. Count out the heddles for the first shaft, and carefully transfer them in a single bunch from the holding bar or cord to the heddle bars. Place the heddle bars in the shaft. First fit one end of the heddle bar into the slot on one side of the shaft. Then bend the

heddle bar slightly and fit the other end into the slot on the other side of the shaft.

For 25" looms there are heddle bar hooks (2 per shaft) to support the heddle bars. Slip the hooks through the holes near the center of the top and bottom shaft frame. Bend the heddle bar slightly to snap it into the hook.

7. Attach the lever cords to the shafts. Tie a knot (see figure 4) in one end of each of the lever cords. To make the knot, fold over one end of the cord and insert it into the first hole at the other end. Pull the cord through, leaving the loop open. Bring the free end of the cord over the loop then insert it into the loop and pull it through, closing the loop and forming a knot.

From the inside of the shaft, insert the unknotted end of the lever cord into the hole at the center of the top of the frame (see Figure 3). Pull the lever cord until the knot is snug against the shaft.

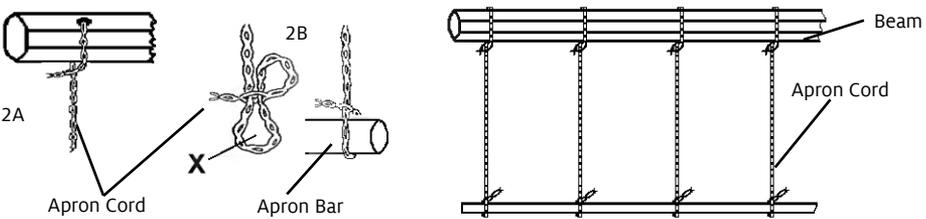


FIGURE 2: APRON CORDS

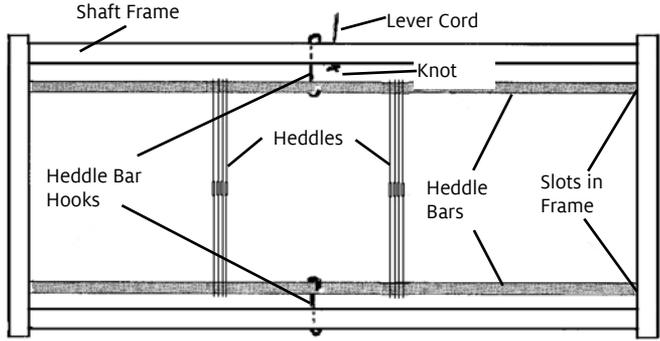


FIGURE 3: SHAFTS / HEDDLES

8. Attach the lever cords to the levers. Insert the shafts back into the castle from the bottom of the castle. Put the shaft levers in the up position. Insert the lever cord end through the hole in the back of the lever (see Figure 5). You may need a thin tool to push the cord through the hole. Adjust the shaft to a height of 5¼" below the top of the castle. This measurement is from the top of the shaft side to the castle top (see Figure 6). Insert an arrow peg through the hole in the lever cord closest to the center hole on the front of the lever and on into the center hole. Repeat for the remaining shafts.

You can determine if you want the left lever or the right lever tied to the first shaft at this time.

On 4 shaft looms the cords from the first and second shafts go over the front small dowel in the top of the castle behind the levers. The cords from the third and fourth shafts go over the rear small dowel. Similarly on 8 shaft looms the first and second cords go over the front dowel, the third and fourth go over the second dowel, the fifth and sixth go over the third dowel, and the seventh and eighth go over the rear dowel.

The correct position for an active lever is pointing toward you. If you pull the lever down too far it will interfere with the operation of the beater.

9. Install the beater. Place the beater frame onto the bolts that are screwed to the inside of the loom frame. The wing nuts on the beater should be facing forward. To insert the reed into the beater, loosen the two wing nuts and raise the top of the beater, place the reed in the slot, slide the top of the beater down and secure the wing nuts. Be sure to center the reed in the beater.



FIGURE 4: LEVER CORD KNOT

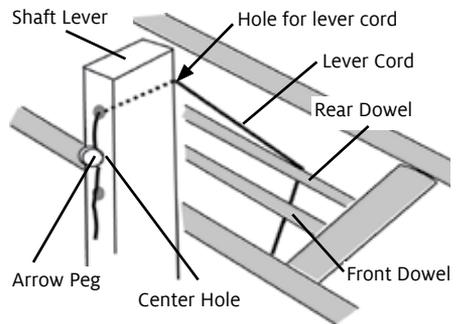


FIGURE 5: LEVERS

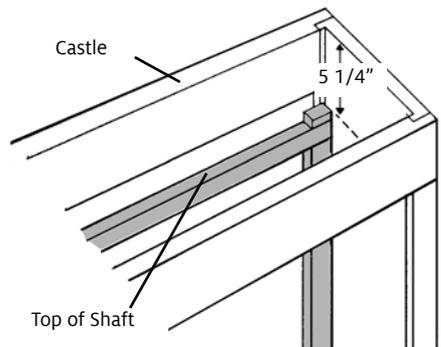


FIGURE 6: SHAFTS/CASTLE