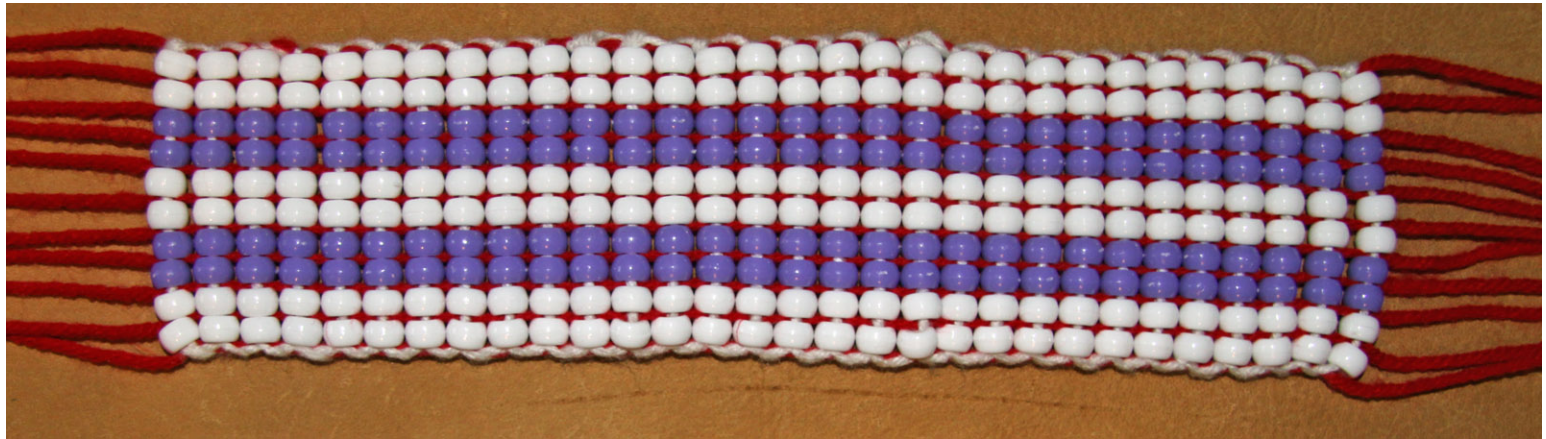


An aerial photograph of the Amazon rainforest, showing dense green vegetation and winding rivers. Overlaid on the image is the title 'Making A Wampum Belt' in large, 3D, blocky letters. The letters are dark green with a lighter green, textured interior. The text is arranged in two lines, with 'Making A' on the top line and 'Wampum Belt' on the bottom line. The letters are slightly tilted and have a shadow effect, giving them a three-dimensional appearance as if they are floating above the forest.

Making A Wampum Belt

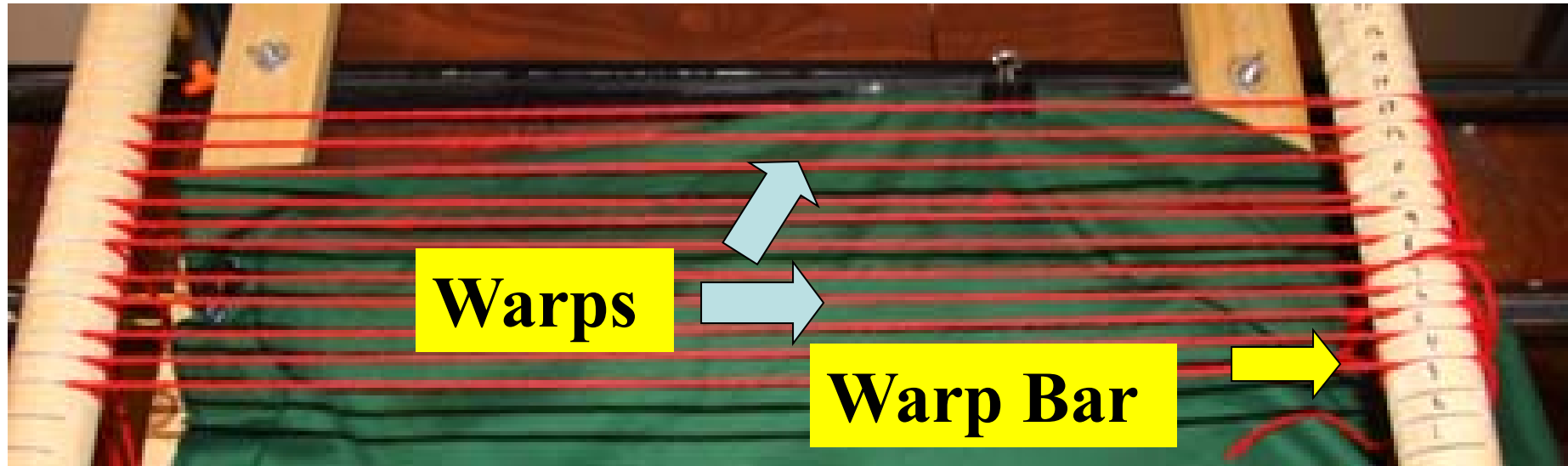
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Steps to Weaving a Pony Bead Wampum Belt



10 bead column by 30 rows

Weaving Terms



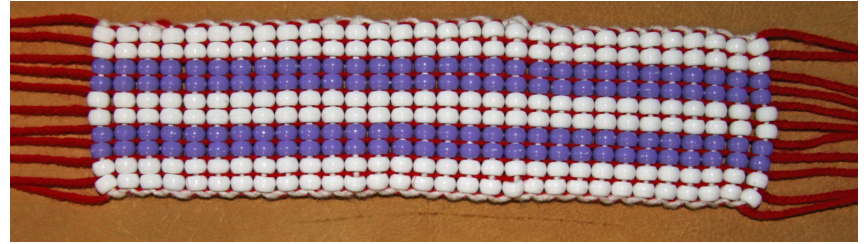
Warps are the horizontal framework.

Warp bar holds the warps in place.

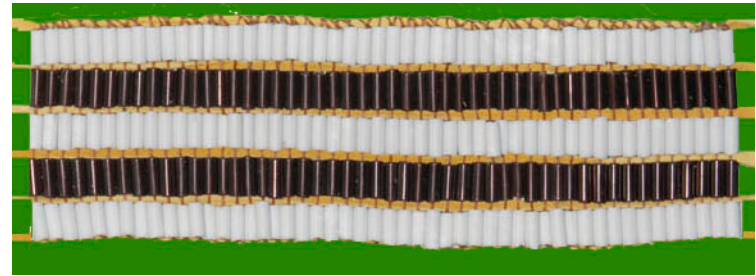
This example: 11 warps are needed for a column of 10 beads.

Materials

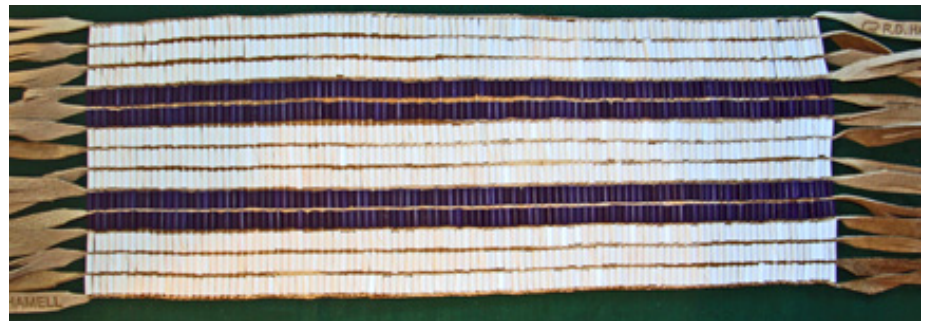
Wampum belts can be constructed using a variety of beads: pony, glass, faux (polymer) wampum etc.



Pony Beads



Glass Beads



Polymer Beads

Beads, Warp and Weft



Pony Beads

4mm x 9 mm

Plastic Needles

2.8 inch

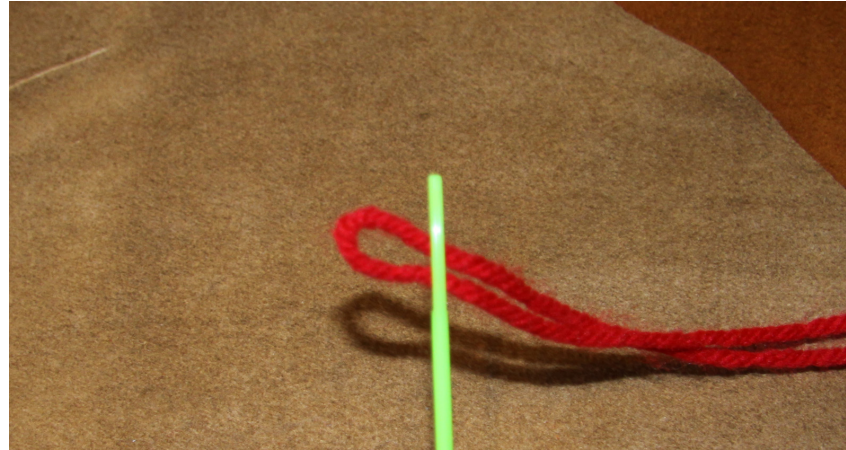
Acrylic Yarn

6mm

**Large eye for the yarn and can
pass through the beads**

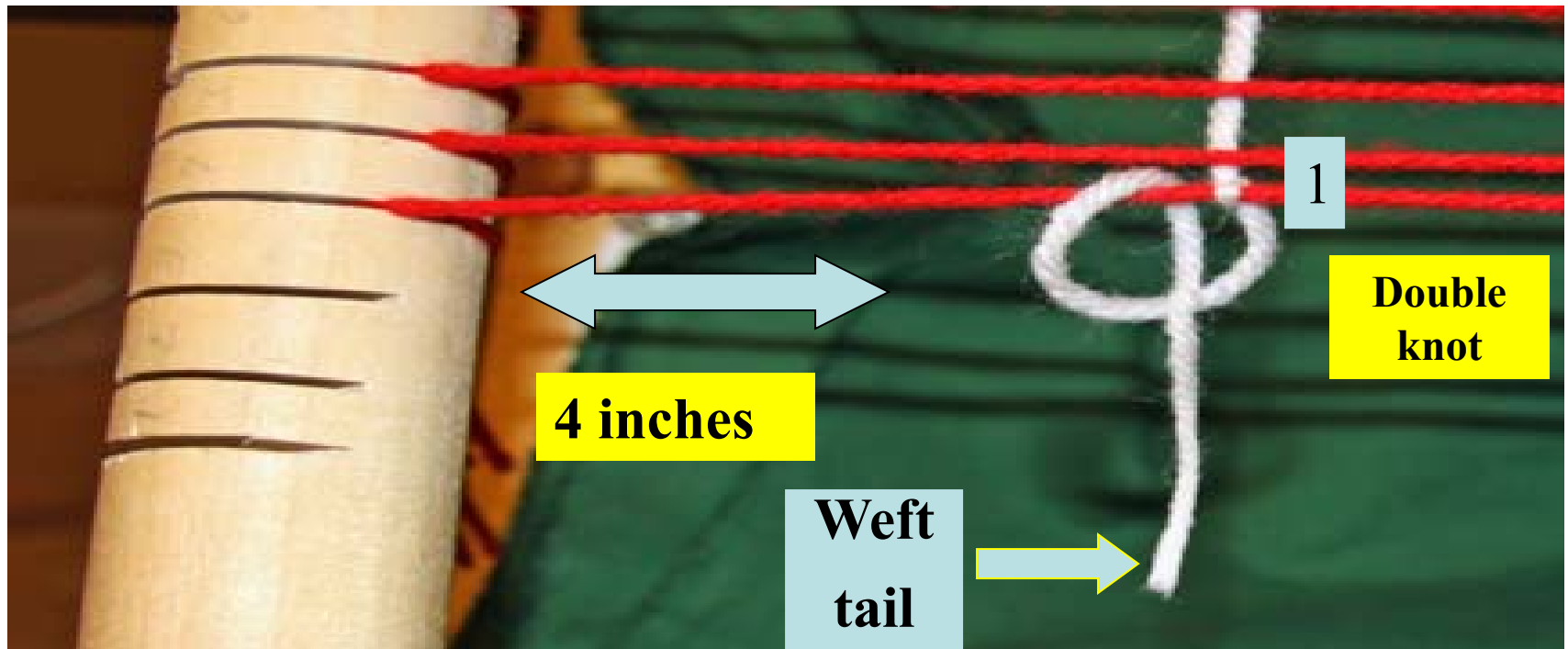
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Threading Needle



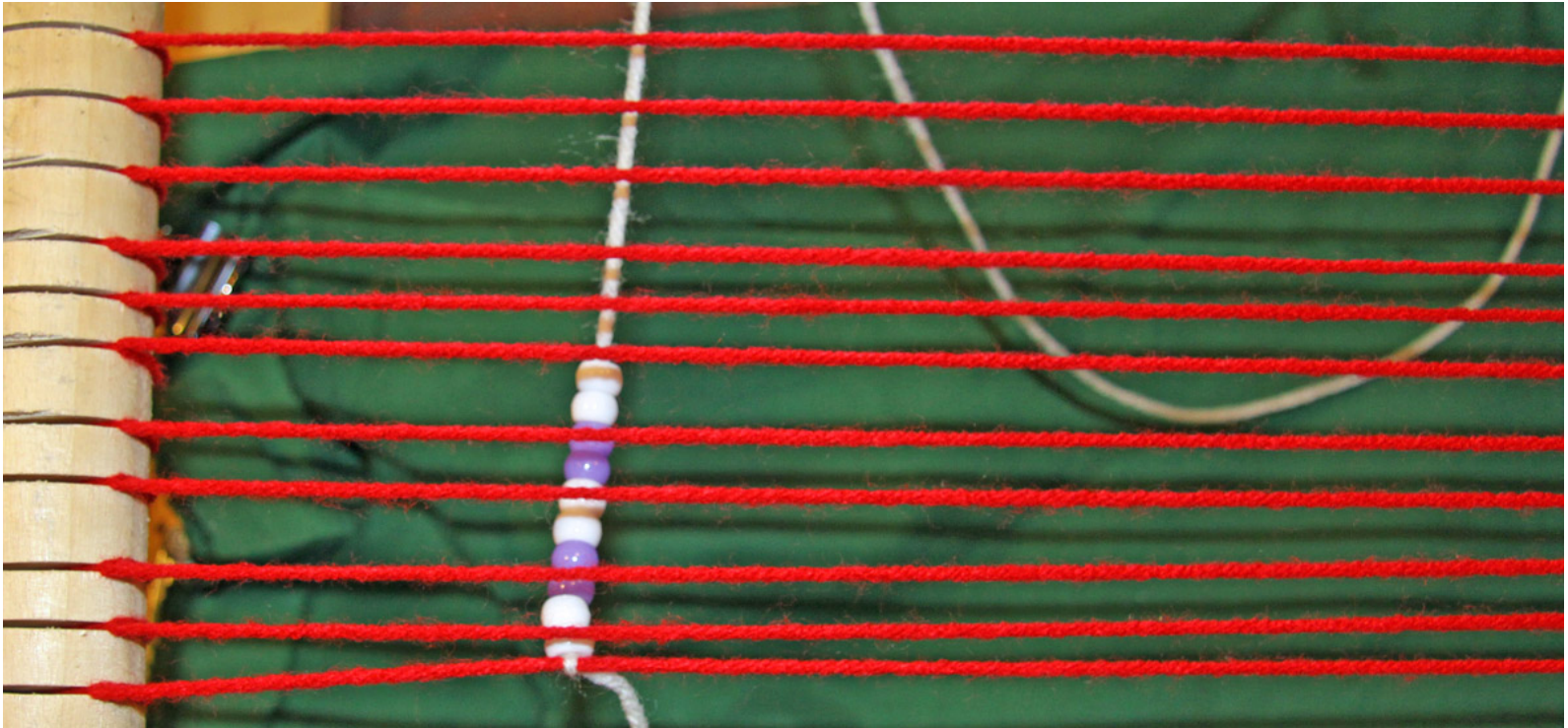
**Double the weft by making a loop at one end.
Push the weft through the eye and pull the short
end through.
Caution while weaving not to pull the weft out of
the eye.**

Step 1



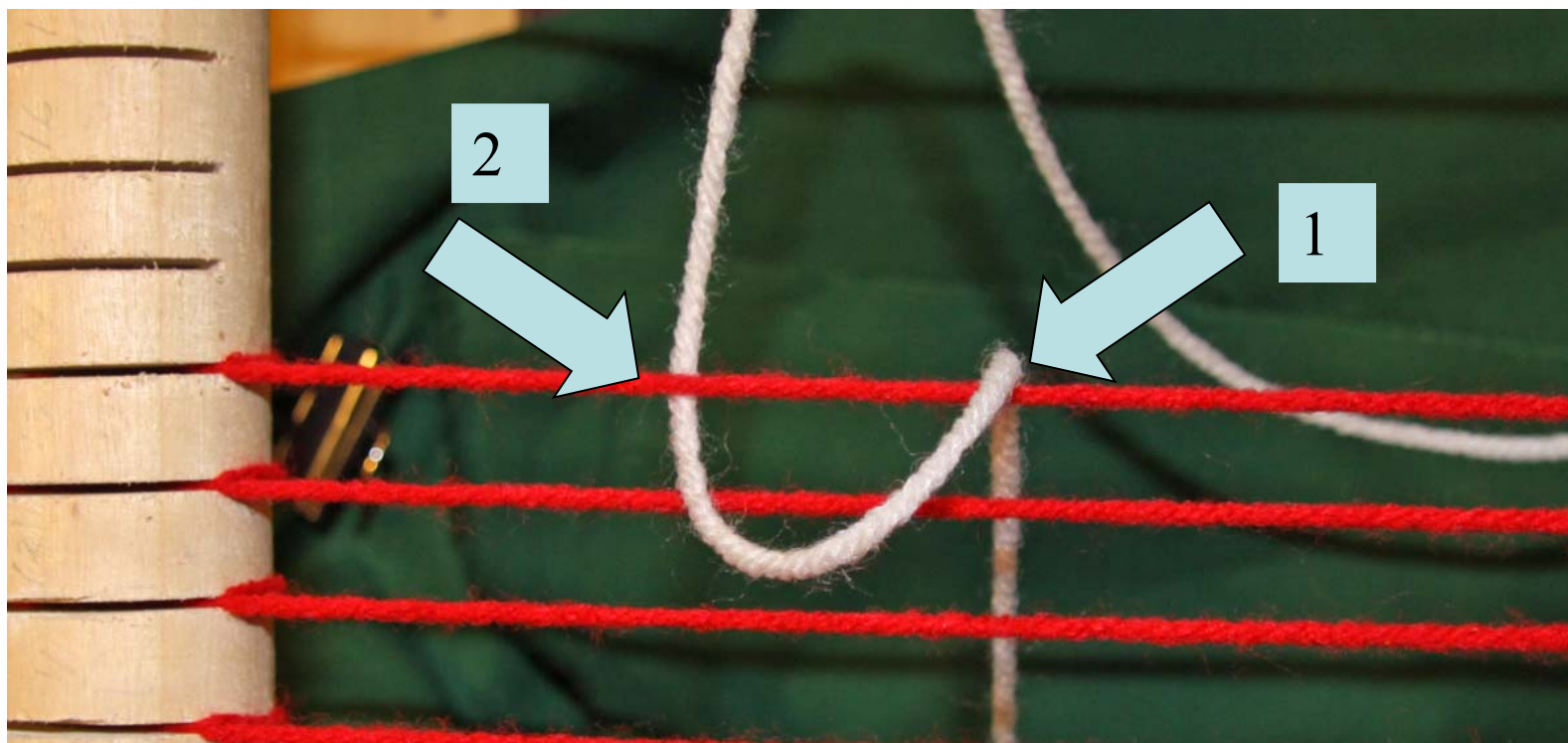
**On the left side of the loom tie the weft on the nearest warp using a double knot (1).
Leave about 4 inches on the loose weft.
This ‘tail’ will be ‘hidden later.**

Step 2



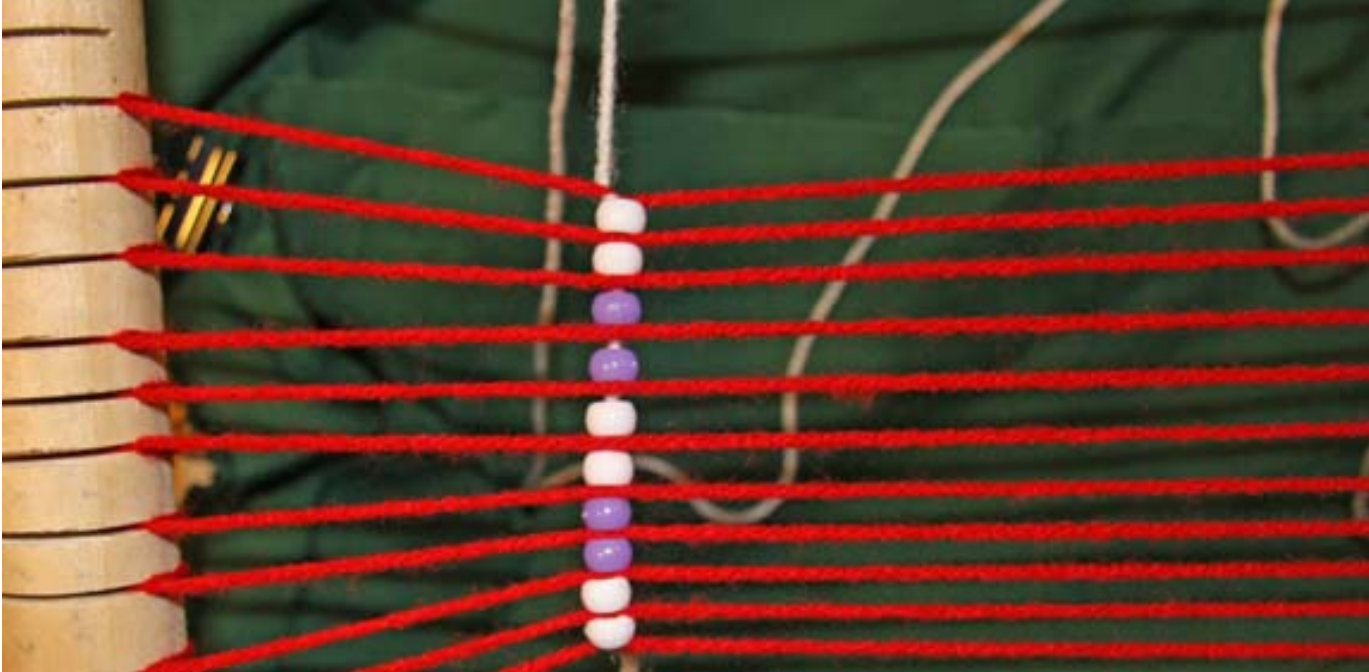
String the beads for the first column on to the weft. Pass the weft under the warps.

Step 3



Bring the needle over the top (1) of the far warp and back under (2).

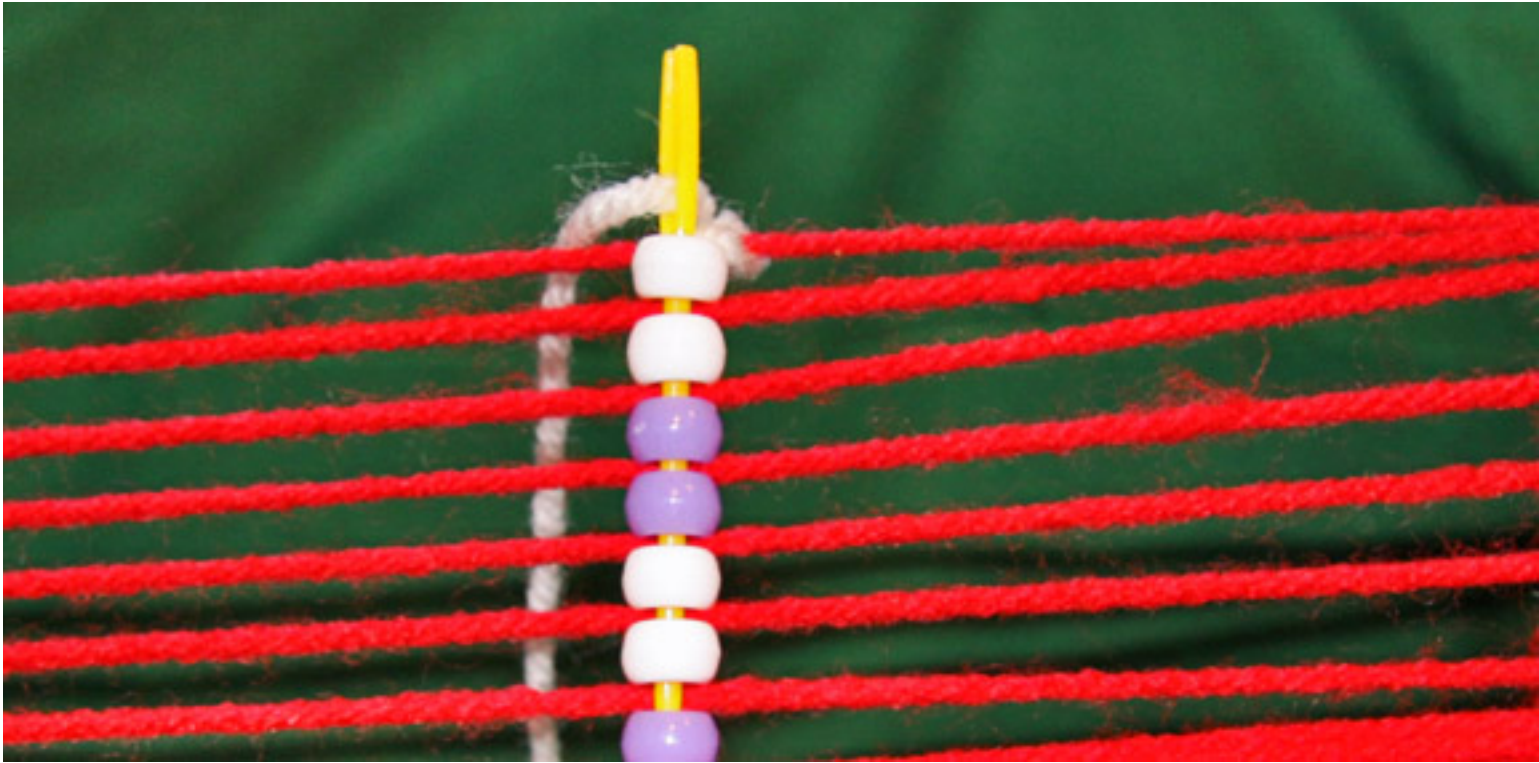
Step 4



**Push the beads up between the
warps.**

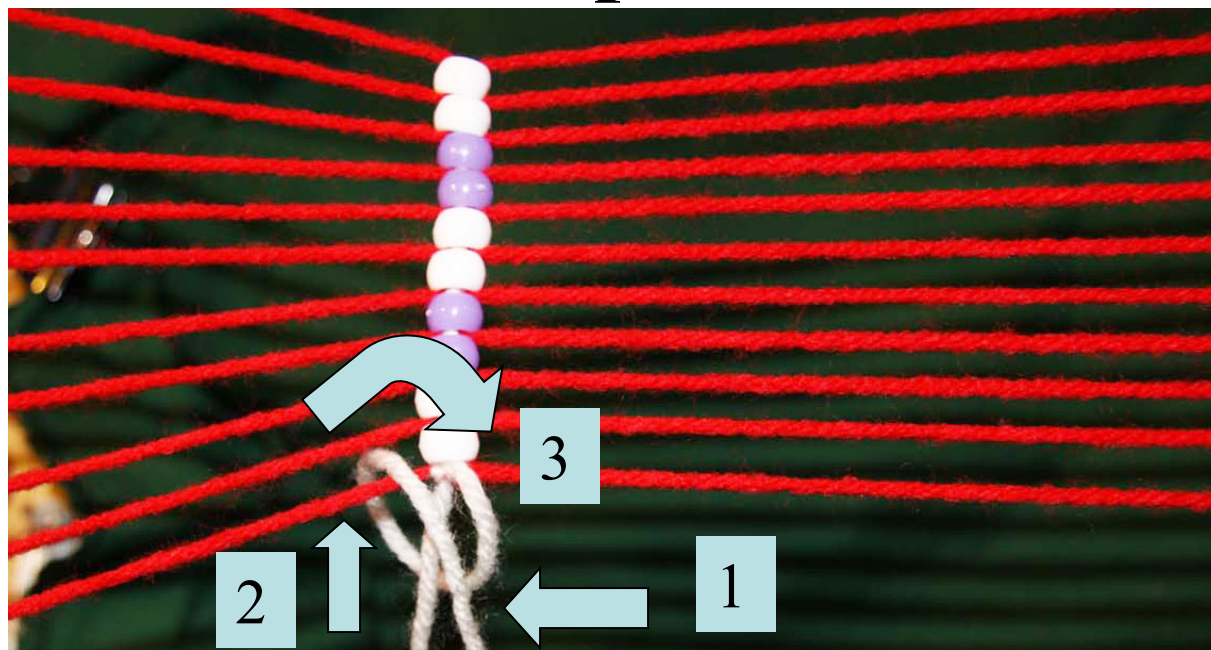
Draw the weft snug.

Step 5



Align the beads so the needle will pass over the top of warps and through the beads.

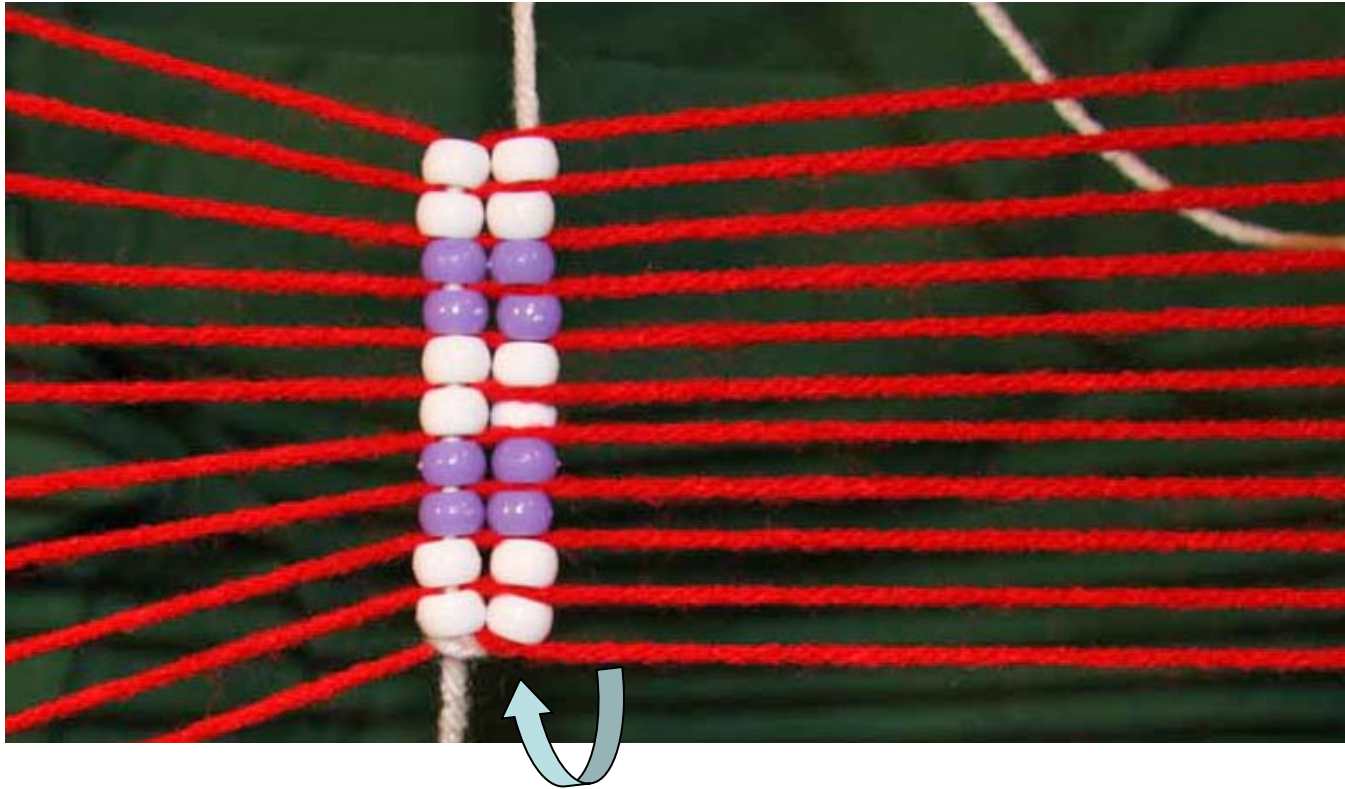
Step 6



Pass the needle over the 1st warp (1).
Push it up between the 1st and 2nd warps (2).
Draw weft through and tight against the 1st column (3).

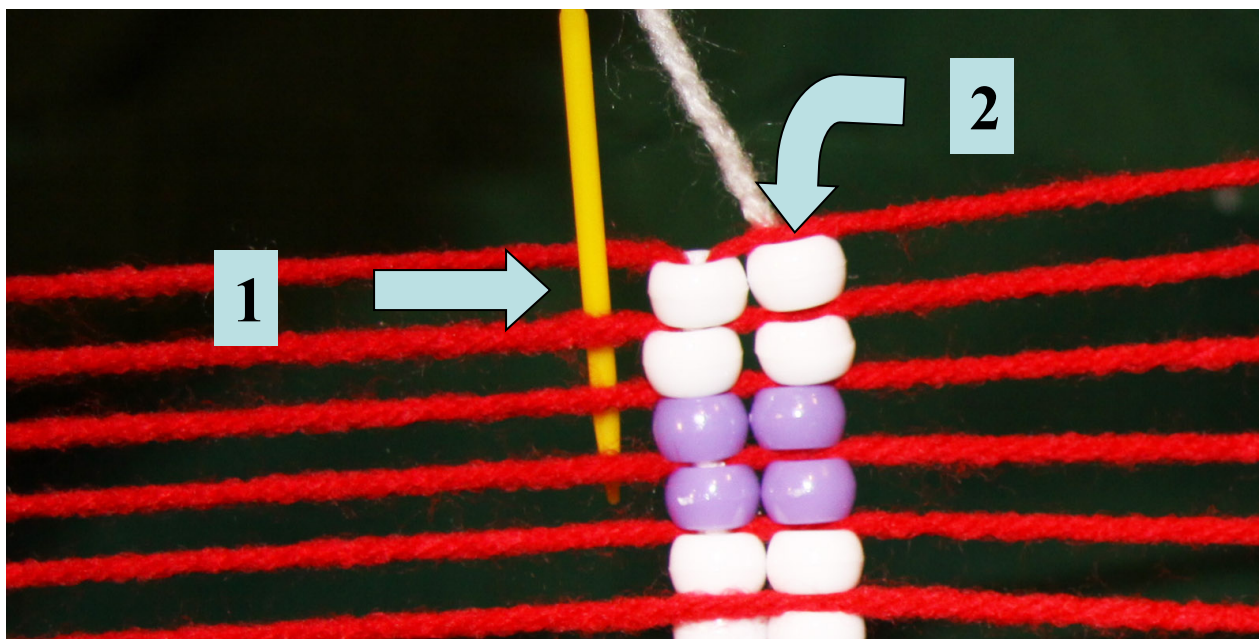
Now you're ready to load a set of beads.

Step 7



**Pass the 2nd set of beads under the warps.
Push beads up & in between the warps.**

Step 8

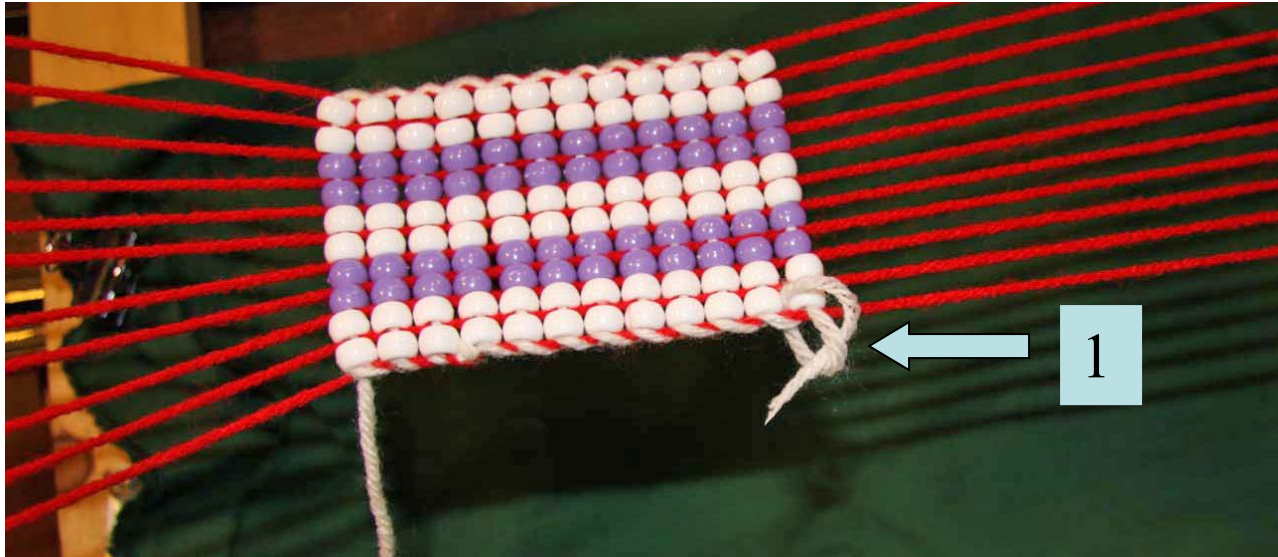


Pass the weft between the two outer warps.

Pass the weft thru the 2nd column of beads and over the top of the warps.

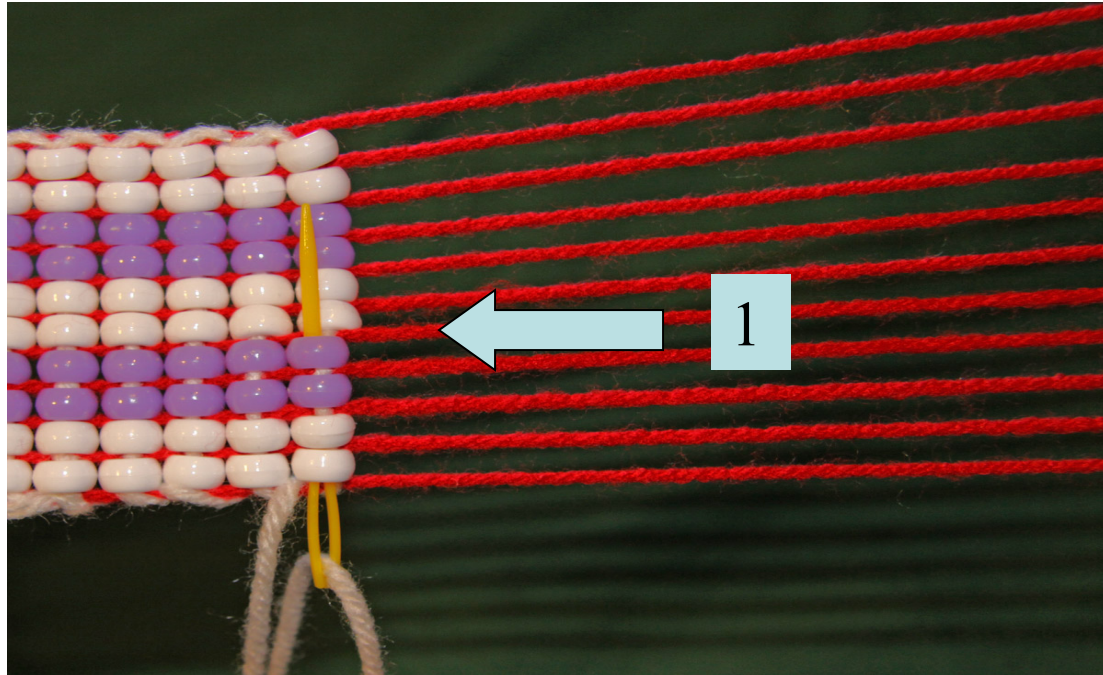
Repeat step 6-8 until the weft is short to continue.

Step 9



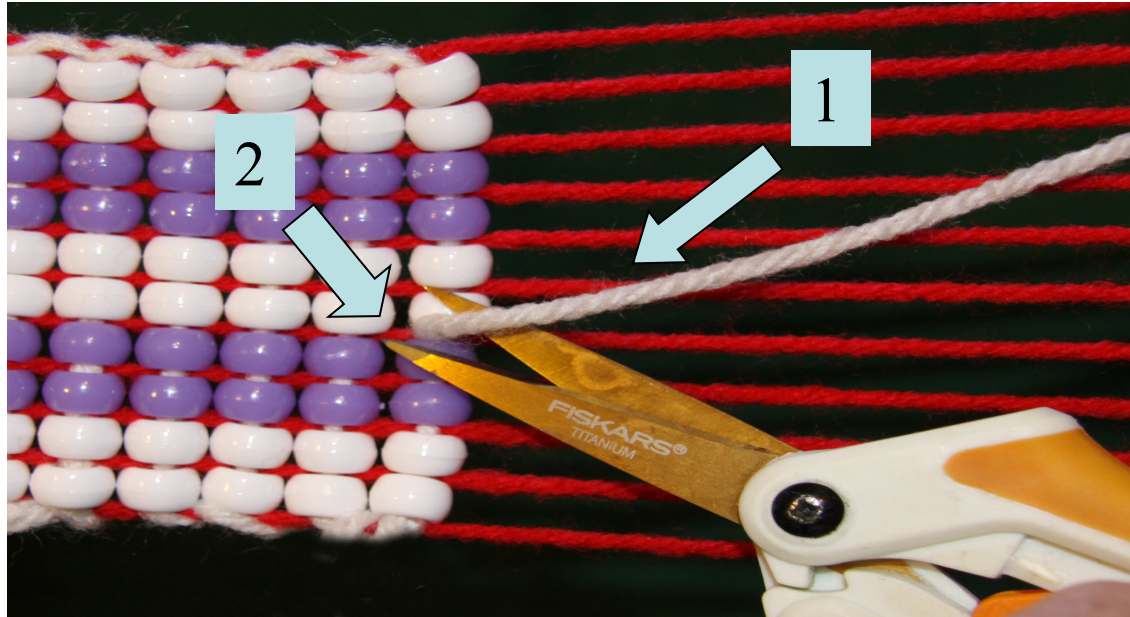
**Stop weaving when the remaining weft length is inadequate to complete the next column of beads.
Time to tie off the weft with a double knot(1).**

Step 10



**Draw the weft through 3 or 4 beads (1).
Make sure it is through the beads and over the
top of the warps.**

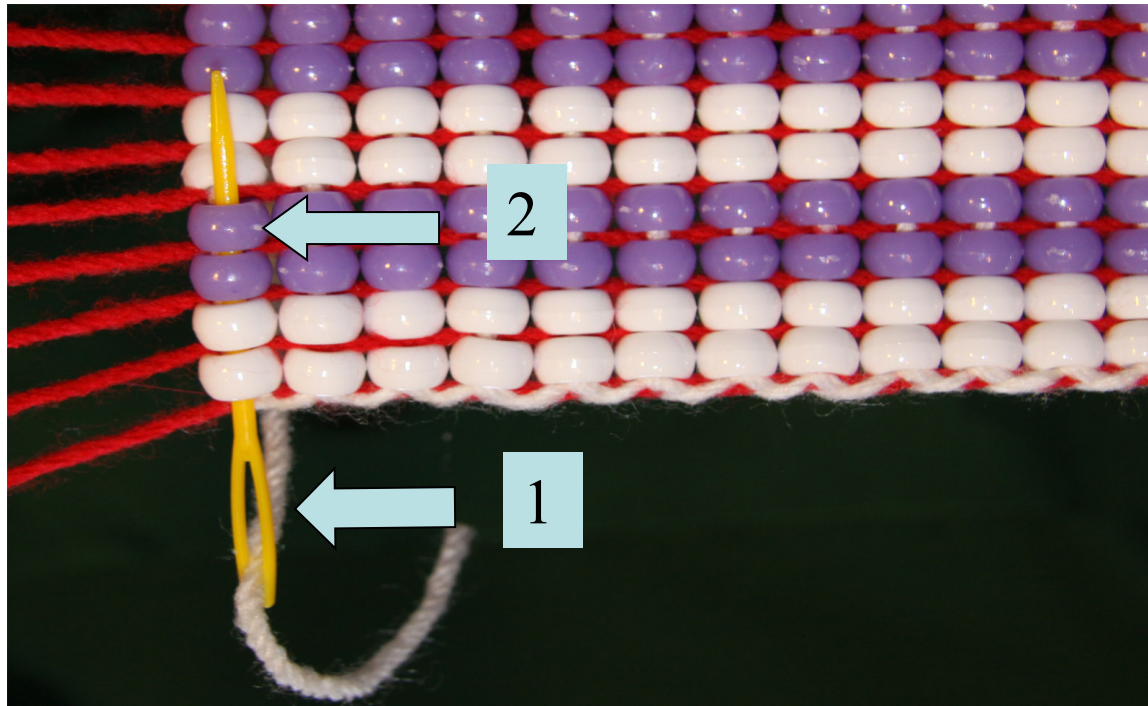
Step 11



Draw the weft tight (1) and trim (2).

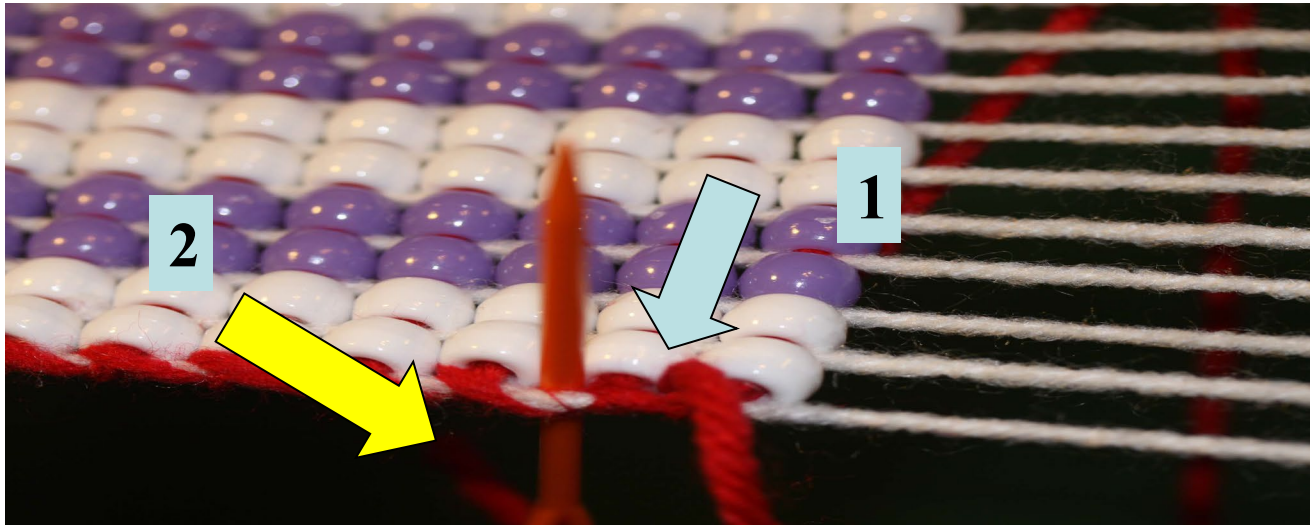
If not done already repeat this process to hide the weft at the belt's beginning (Step 12).

Step 12



**Go to beginning of the belt to hide (1).
Trim the tail end of the weft (2).**

Step 13



To add a weft pass the needle over the warp (1) to the left of the column of beads just added.

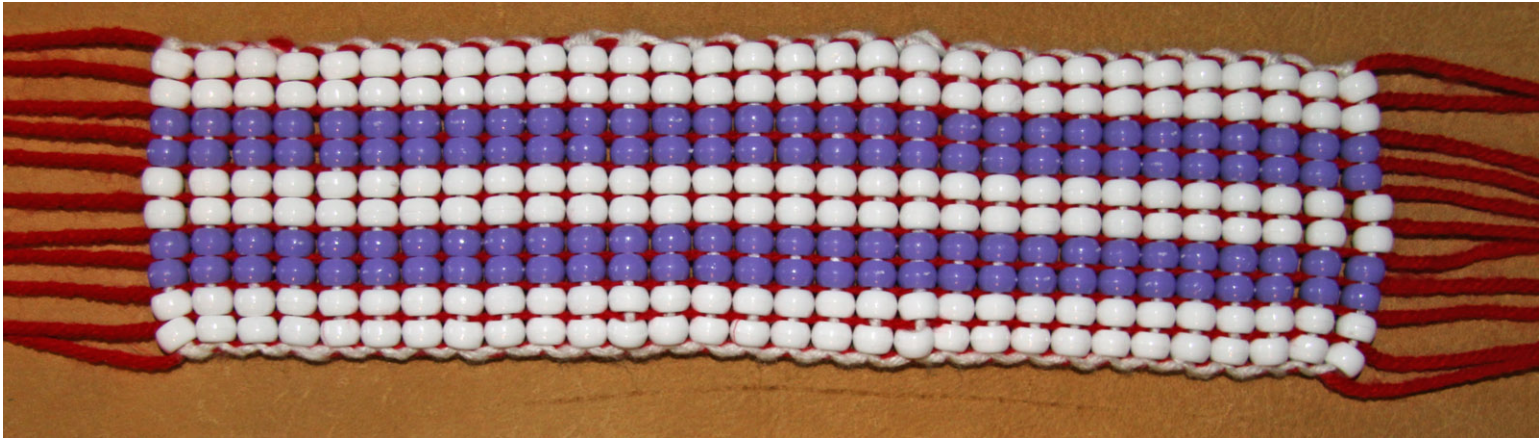
Then loop the weft under the warp (2).

Tie a knot.

Hide and trim the weft tail (Steps 10-11).

Continue weaving until belt completion.

Step 14



Trim the fringe length 6 inches.

Completed Pony Bead Belt

30 columns by 10 rows

10.5 inches by 3 inches

The fringe can be braided or strung with beads.