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Level 17

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Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); The Arts (Visual Arts); Humanities (Civics and Citizenship)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the steps in the correct order to achieve the goal.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 Why does the knot in the string need to be on the inside of the cup?
2 What will happen if you pull on the wool too hard?
3 How do you join two pieces of wool together?
4 What two things do you use the scissors for in this procedure?

Inferential

5 Why does the wool need to be pushed down towards the bottom of the cup?
6 Why does each piece of wool need to be the same length?
7 Why should you keep following the same order for blue, white and green wool?
8 Why will this pencil holder last a long time?

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Teacher's Note

Have a selection of recycled paper cups ready for students. Most paper cups contain some plastic, so they cannot be put into recycling bins. Several waste collection agencies collect and recycle only these paper cups. They can provide you with the paper cups required for this procedure. Ensure you wash the cups in warm, soapy water before giving them to your students.

Goal

To make a pencil holder from a **recycled** paper cup



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Materials

You will need:

- a recycled paper cup 
- a pencil 
- scissors 
- a ball of blue wool 
- a ball of white wool 
- a ball of green wool 
- measuring tape. 

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Steps

1. Make nine marks around the top of your paper cup with the pencil.

   The spaces between the marks must be even.



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2. With the scissors, start at each mark and cut down to the bottom of the cup.

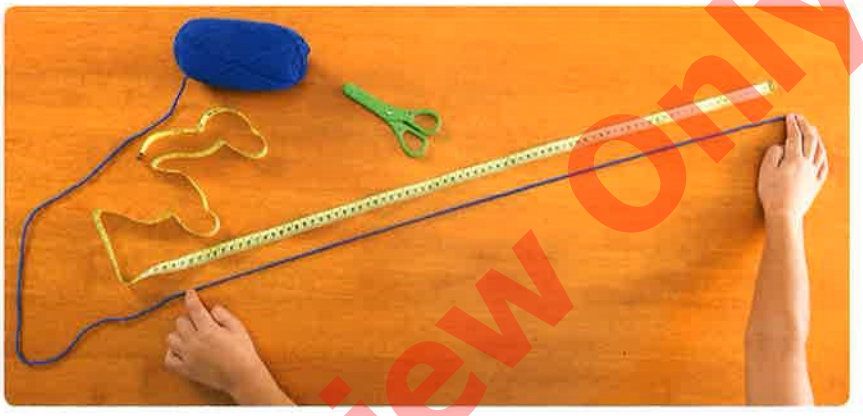
You now have nine **warps**.

The warps are what you will **weave** the wool through to make your **pattern**.

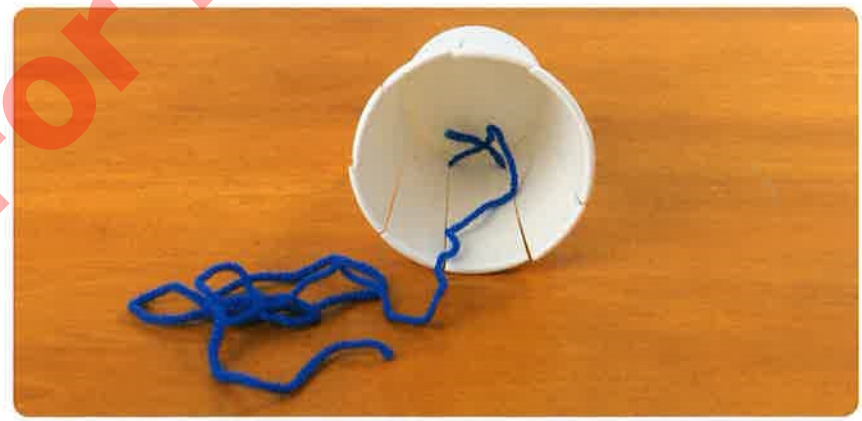


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3. With the scissors, cut one string
from each ball of wool.
Each string should be about 80 centimetres long.



4. Take the string of blue wool.
Tie it around one of the warps,
at the bottom of the cup.



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If you need help to tie the knot,
ask your teacher.

Look to see that the knot
is on the inside of the cup.
The knot should not be seen
when the pencil holder is done.



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