This simple, small homemade loom is inspired by the large one found in our children’s garden. Use natural materials to create a little art piece that changes with the season. These step-by-step photos will show you how to make your own! For younger ones, consider using simple cotton cord or string instead of thread.

For this craft, you will need:
- scissors
- a piece of cardboard cut into a square
- string, yarn or thread
- tape
- and some materials from outside.
Cut small slits down two opposite sides of the cardboard. Make them as uniform as you can.

Decide which sides will be the front and back. Tape your string to the back side of your cardboard square.
Wrap the string across and around the cardboard square using the slits you cut to hold it in place.

Tape the string in place on the back side once you’ve wrapped it all the way around.
Weave in the natural materials you collected from the yard. Use an over-under weaving pattern to create the effect of something woven and so that they stay in place.

Admire your work! You can add new pieces to your nature loom as you find them. Here, we have: last year’s goat’s beard, sea oats, a blue jay feather and the first forsythia of the spring. If you like, tie a loop of thread to the top thread on the back of your loom to create a hanging loop or apply a square of mounting tape to the back. Then you can hang your loom on the wall to brighten a room with the beauty of spring.