

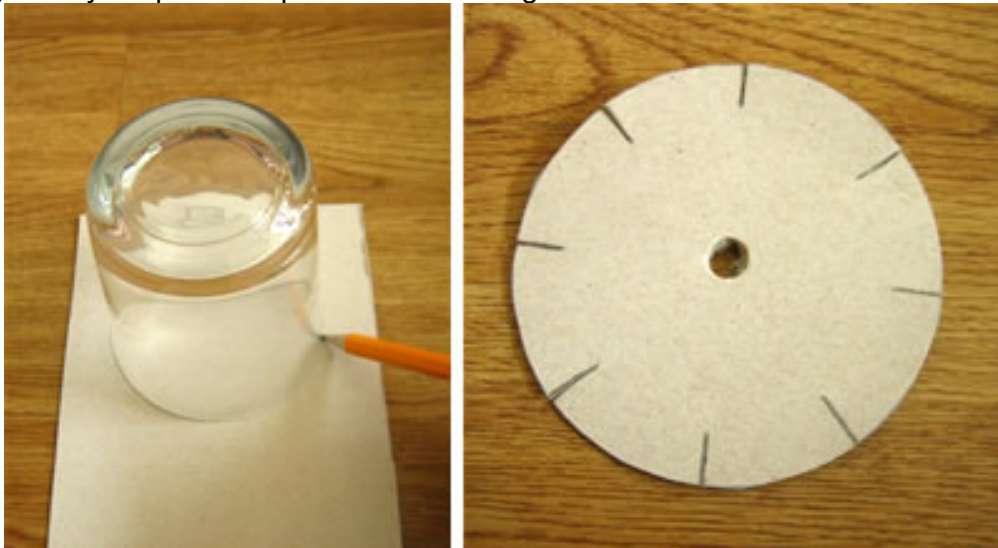
FUN THINGS TO DO FROM THE ARBUTHNOT MUSEUM TEAM AT PETERHEAD

People all over the world have, for centuries, braided all kinds of materials to create strong cords and rope. Follow the steps below to find out how to braid your own cord. Materials you need is some lengths of left-over coloured wool and recycled card.

For the Loom you will need

- Card or Cardboard
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glass to draw around

Draw a circle onto a piece of card or cardboard using a drinking glass and a pencil. Cut out the circle, then cut 8 small slits evenly spaced around the edge. Each slit should be about 1 cm long. Use your pencil to poke a hole through the centre of the circle.



To braid the cord

See picture A

- Take seven pieces of wool about 32cm long and knot them together at one end so there is still a little tail of ends.
- Carefully thread the ends of all the wool through the hole in the cardboard loom so the knot is on the back side.
- Put one piece of each thread of wool into each slit so that it is snug in place.
- **See pictures B and C**
- Now, turn the loom so that the empty space is pointing to your chest. Count 3 slit spaces to the left from there (approx. the 10:00 pm position if it were a clock).
- Take that piece out of the slit and place into the empty space that is facing your chest
- **See picture D**
- Turn the loom anti-clockwise so the empty space is again pointing to your chest and repeat.
- Keep your thumb gently over the hole in the middle to make sure that the cord remains in position while you're moving the wool around.
- Cord will slowly begin to appear underneath the loom once you get going.

- Keep turning and threading until you've reached the length you want, then remove from the loom and tie off the end.

