

RE-IMAGINING THE LOOM

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EVER WANTED TO WEAVE BUT GOT DISCOURAGED BY THE COMPLEXITY AND SIZE OF THE LOOM? THIS PRODUCT IS A RESULT OF THE NEED OF A NEW AND MODERNIZED WAY OF LOOKING AT THE LOOM. A LIGHTER, EASIER AND MORE INTUITIVE VERSION THAT ANYONE COULD USE.

Most of us have encountered a loom in our lives, but very few has a relationship to it. As weaving is one of the oldest crafts we have, I felt a urge to change this relationship.

The loom haven't changed much since the 16th century. There are a lot of variations on the market but most of them are built on the same principle and construction. When the loom was developed, the society and living arrangements looked much different from how we live now. Parameters such as space, time and level of experience needed weren't taken in consideration. Therefore we have outgrown the loom, or rather it has outgrown us.

My research showed that the size of the loom is connected to the heddle system, the system that control the threads, making them go up and down. So this became the most essential part of the project. To create a new kind of heddle that lowers that threshold for weaving and at the same time allows for a simple construction that anyone could have at home.

The result of this MA-project is a new way of looking at the loom. As something anyone could have at home regardless of what living arrangements one have and with little or no experience in weaving.

The loom is foldable and easy to move when not in use. The user can at any time change the type of weave without having to change the threads which is not possible on today's looms. Making this product versatile but yet simple.



