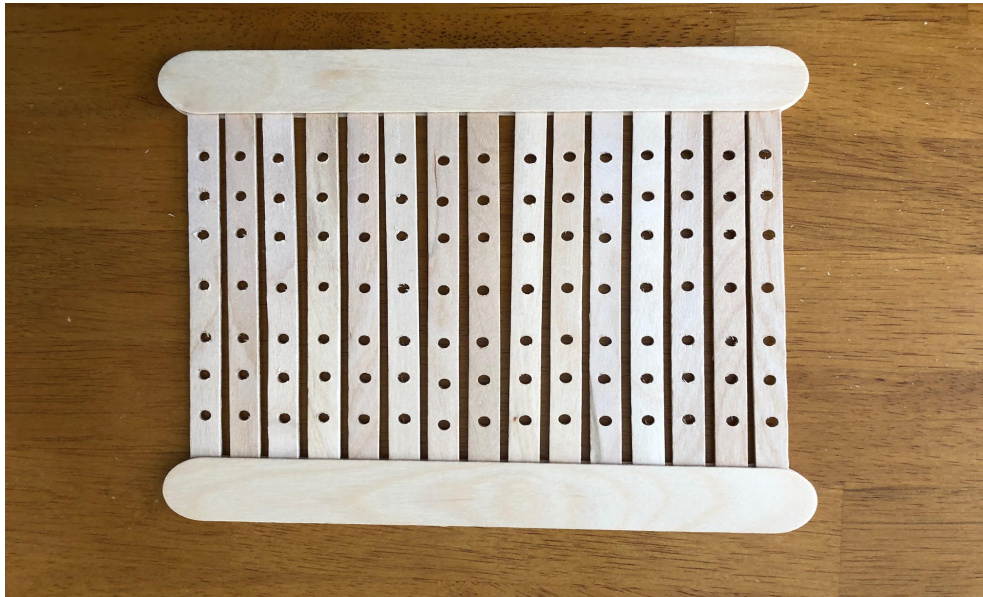


## Make a rigid heddle for belt or backstrap weaving



Here is a simple way to make a rigid heddle that you can use to weave tape with a backstrap or a belt.

For backstrap or belt weaving you don't need a loom but only a rigid heddle. The weaving method is the same as with a paddle or knee paddle loom as shown on this website.

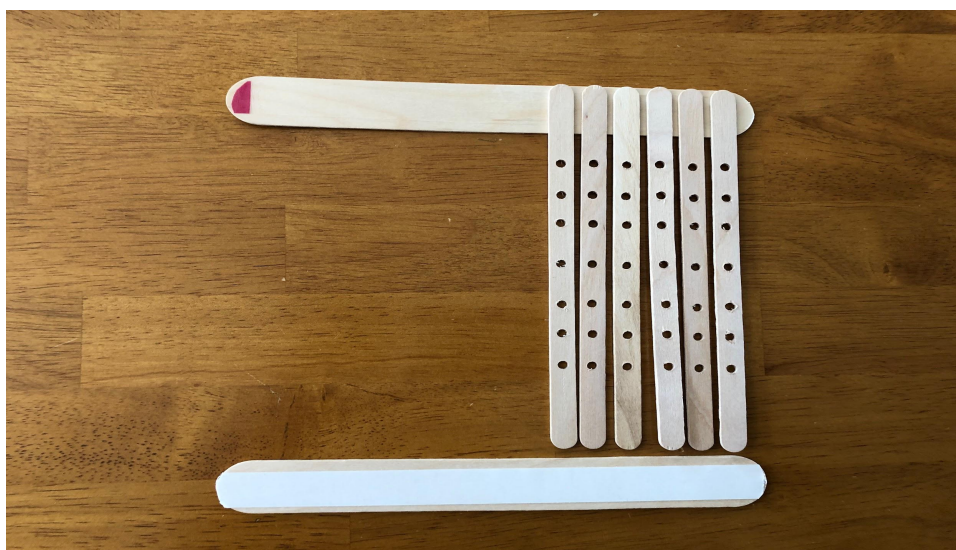
### **To set yourself inexpensively up for belt weaving, you need:**

- Wooden candle wick holders that look like popsicle sticks with holes in it.
- Jumbo wooden craft sticks that look like big popsicle sticks
- Gorilla glue tape
- Plastic food sealing clips (the classic long flat ones)
- A small carabiner hook
- A classic belt



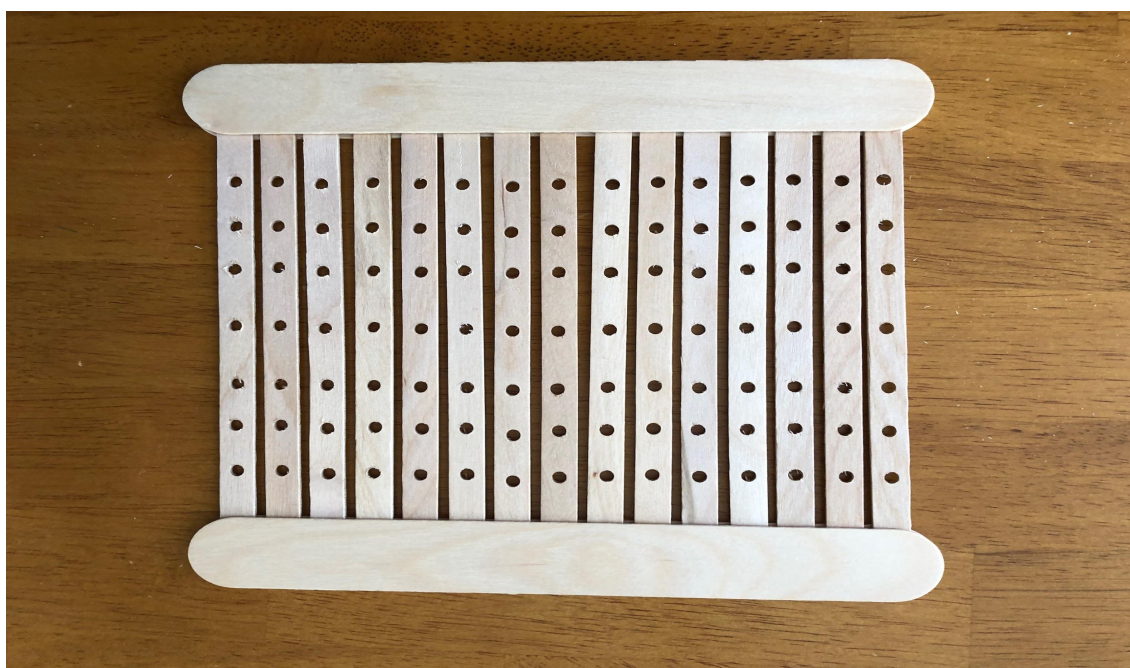
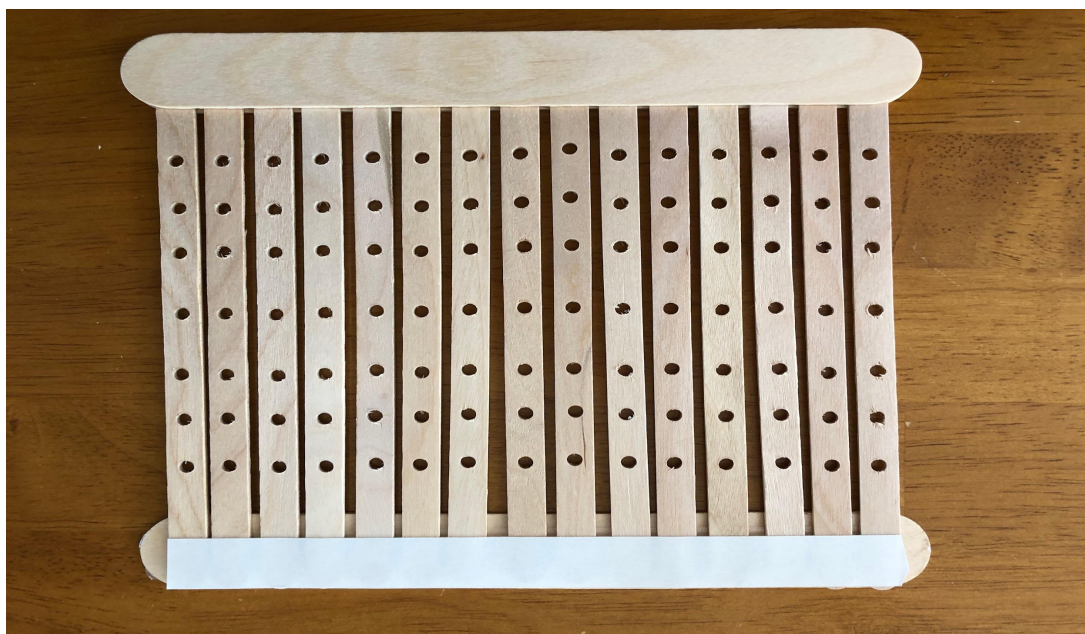
### 1. Step: Make the heddle

Put a piece of glue tape on two jumbo popsicle sticks. Then stick the candle wick holders in a 90 degree angle on one popsicle stick with a space of  $\frac{1}{8}$ " between them.



Then stick the other sides of the candle wick holders on the other jumbo popsicle and turn around. Stick another strip of gorilla glue tape on the candle wick holders and attach the two other jumbo popsicle sticks.







## 2. Step: Stringing the warp

See instructions on how to weave on a tape loom [here](#)

## 3. Step: Connect the tape to the belt

Hook the end of the warp at a table leg or wall hook as described in the instructions on how to [weave on a tape loom](#).

Loop the knotted beginning or end of the warp through the carabiner hook and clip together with the plastic clip. Put the belt on. Attach the carabiner hook to your belt buckle. Now you can start weaving.





Note that the warp is too short in this picture to weave a band. It was strung that short in order to see the whole set up in one picture: The attachment at the table leg, the heddle floating in between, the plastic clip and carabiner hook connected to the belt buckle.

