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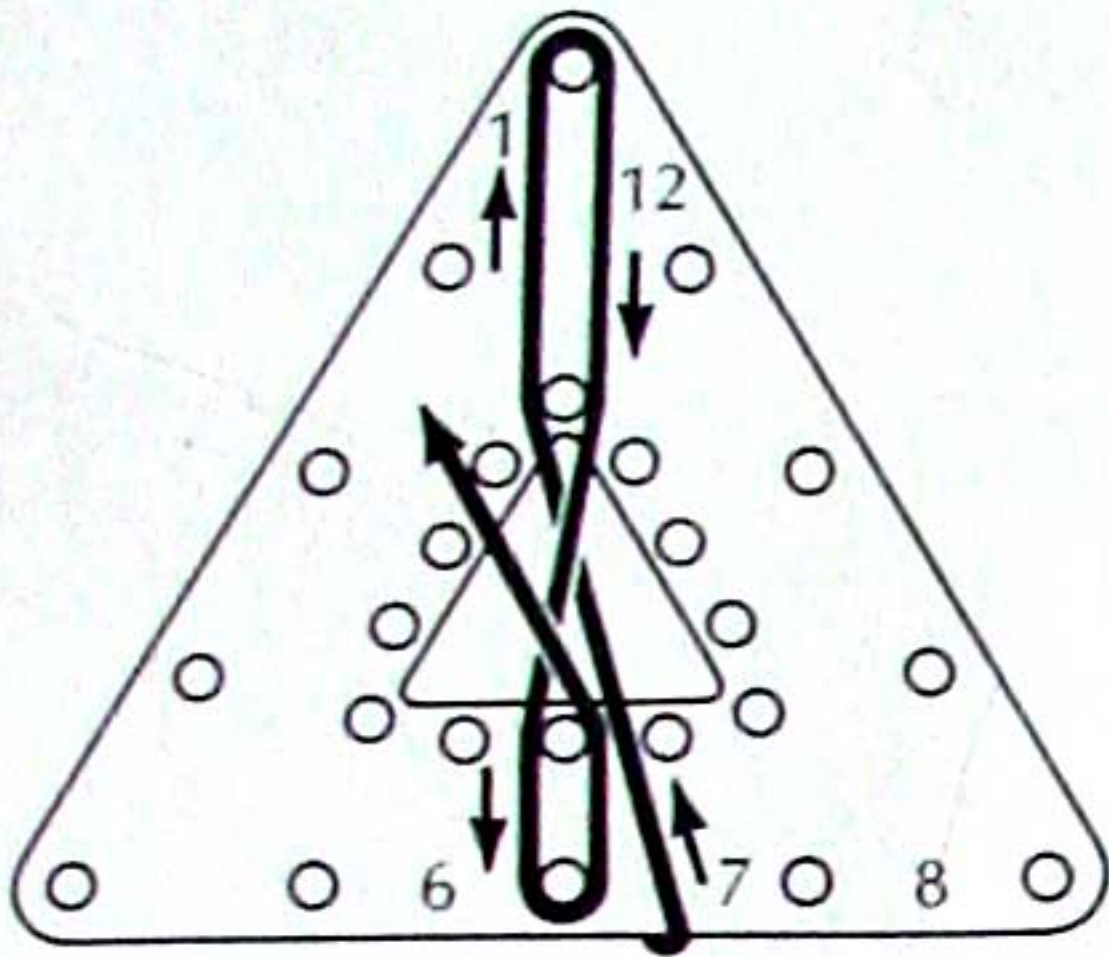
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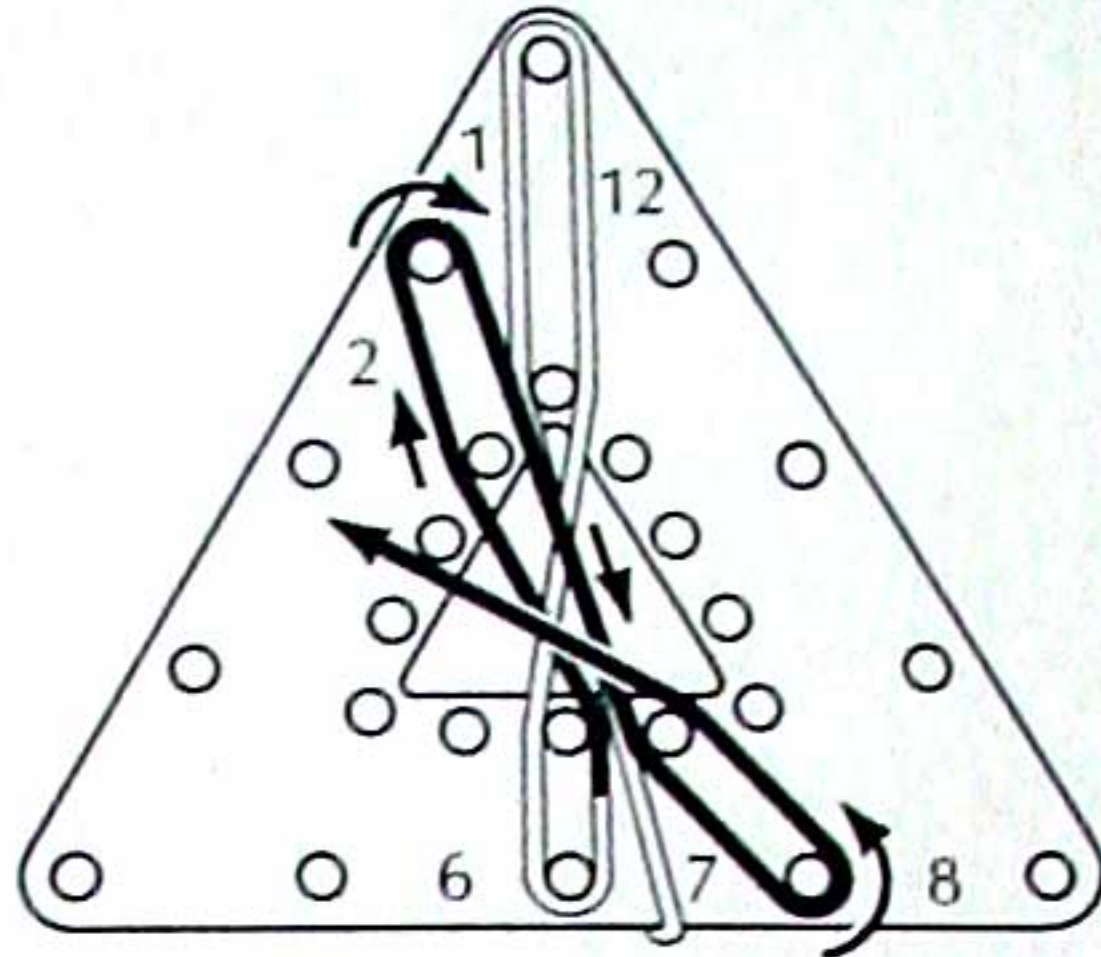
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It's easy to make decorative appliques with the Applique Loom.

Material needed: 9-1/3 yd. You can use practically any natural or synthetic yarn to make colorful appliques, including bulky yarns and Strawtex®.



1. Hold loom with space #1 at the top. Lock end of strand in slot at space #7. Lay strand across loom to space #1, around outer peg to space #12, down to space #6, and around peg to space #7. This forms a "figure eight" and completes one loop. Repeat for a total of five loops around the same pegs.

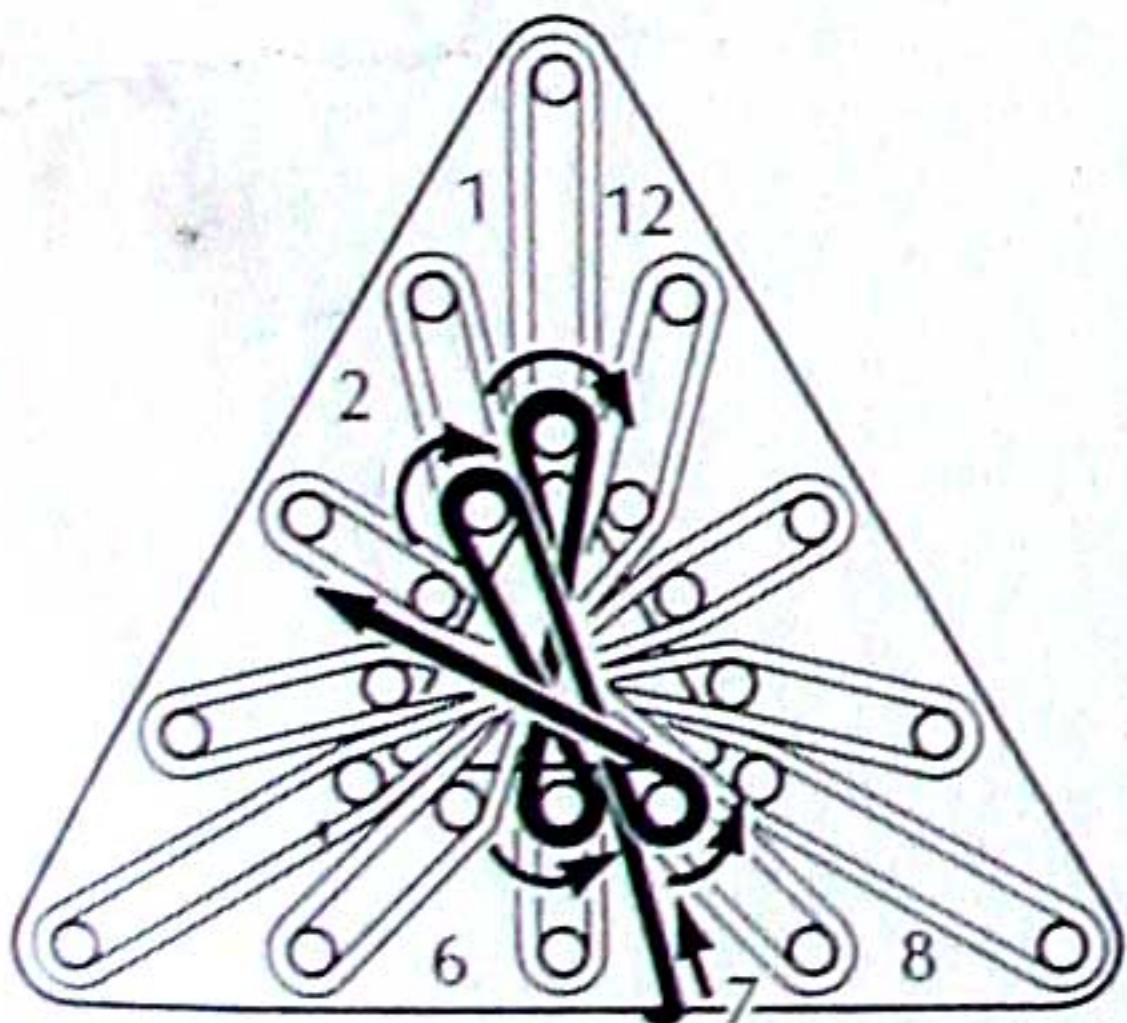


2. Working counterclockwise, lay strand across loom to space #2, around peg to space #1, down to space #7, and around peg to space #8. Again, repeat for a total of five loops.

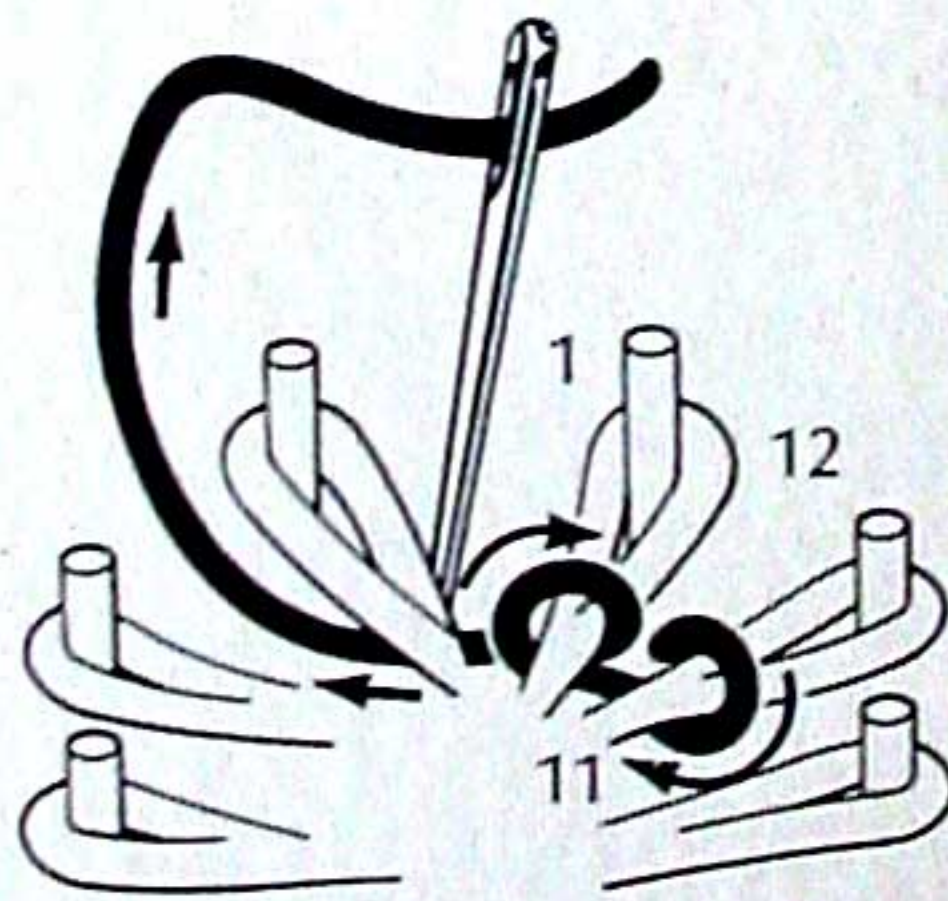
Continue working counterclockwise on the outer pegs, stringing five loops on every set of pegs, until

strand is at space #6. Measure off an additional 15 inches on this strand (to be used later in stitching the center) and cut. Secure this extra strand length in slot.

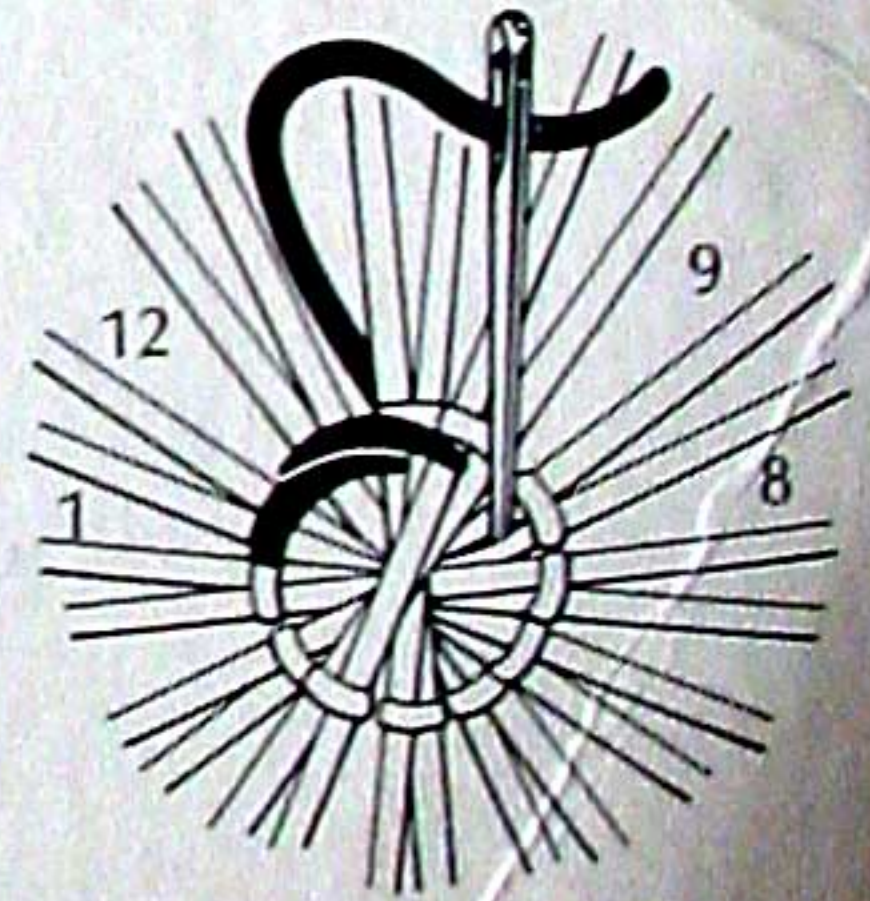
3. String 3 loops of fiber on all pegs in the inner row, repeating steps 1 and 2. Cut strand from skein and insert in slot.



4. Thread the 15-inch strand into the needle supplied. Starting at space #6, stick needle through space to the back without piercing strand. Bring needle up through space #12, pulling tightly against center of applique and down again at space #11 to form a bar across the spoke. Working counterclockwise, bring needle up in space #1 and down in space #12. Continue this back-stitch around the loom until every spoke has a crossbar. Keep the stitch firm and close to center as possible. When you finish, strand should be at back of loom in space #10.



5. Work clockwise on the slanted finishing stitch. Bring needle up at space #1, count 3 spokes to the right (between spaces #11 and #10), then pierce center of spoke below crossbar, pulling needle through to the back. Bring needle up at space #12 and stitch into spoke between spaces #10 and #9. Work your way around the loom in this fashion, being careful to keep strand untwisted for smooth finish. The final two stitches should go under first slanted stitches made instead of through them.



6. Remove applique from loom by gently pulling loops up from pegs. Trim loose strands.

7. You can make a single applique on either the outer or inner row of pegs. Just string pegs as indicated in steps 1 and 2. Use contrasting strand to stitch center, following steps 4 and 5.