Women Weaving Love and Strength

Women have been weaving beautiful, useful objects and clothing for thousands of years. Learn more in this quiz.
THESE ARTWORKS WERE ALL MADE BY WEAVING.

A True

B False
Answer: A (True)

Clothing, baskets, carpets, and more can be woven by tightly interlacing yarn, natural fibers, and other materials.


THIS IS A PHOTO OF A REAL ENVELOPE.

A True

B False
Answer: B (False)

This realistic-looking “envelope” was woven with wool! Helena Hernmarck replicated a piece of mail sent by her Swedish aunt, right down to the wrinkles and smudges.

HOW BIG IS THIS BASKET?

A  The size of a penny.

B  The size of a basketball.
Indigenous communities in the Southwest United States made tiny baskets for tourists who wanted an easy-to-pack souvenir.

See more tiny (and not so tiny) baskets in the new exhibit “Unexpected Turns: Women Artists and the Making of American Basket-Weaving Traditions.”

Akimel O’odham (Pima), Miniature Round Basket, 20th century. Natural plant fiber. Gift of Mrs. C. C. Bovey

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Tohono O’odham (Papago), Miniature Basket, 20th century. Natural plant fiber. Gift of Mrs. C. C. Bovey
HOW DOES THIS WOVEN WOOL FEEL?

A  Scratchy

B  Soft
Unlike some itchy sweaters you may have, the wool textiles made by skilled Aymaran women in South America are woven so tightly they feel almost as soft as silk!

Aymaran, Textile, 18th century, Wool, pigments, Gift of Elissa and Paul Cahn 2017.127.42
Tune into **Virtual Family Day** today to try kid-friendly weaving activities using simple materials.