



## Biddeford Blooms: A Community Weaving Project

### Project Description:

Biddeford Bloom: A Community Weaving Project, is an invitation to weave our aspirations for the future of our community together. Local artists and makers are building looms representing the built and natural environment of Biddeford - it's mills, river, and community gardens. During Fringe Fest and River Jam 2021, you are invited to weave colorful recycled materials into this shared tapestry. This Community Loom project in historic downtown Biddeford celebrates Maine's 200th birthday and illustrates how important textiles and craft have been to the state.

### Materials and Supplies for the Community Weaving

- Assorted yarns for hair
  - Precut into 3" lengths
- Clothes pins: old fashioned non-spring type.
  - Dyed for multi-cultural people.
- Pipe cleaners, flesh, brown, tan colored:
  - Precut into about 3" lengths
  - Pre-glue these arms onto the clothespins
- Felt and fabric for clothes pin people clothes:
  - Precut the felt and fabric into small rectangles about 2" x 3"
- Other sewing trims, ribbons, lace, etc for clothing details.
  - Precut pieces about 2"
- Colored markers: fine point to draw details on clothespin people
  - Permanent extra fine point sharpies work best.
- Scissors ~ sharp enough to cut fabric
- Popsicle sticks
- Beads, feathers, buttons, plastic and wood scraps, shells: for details.
  - Small dishes to hold beads, etc.
- Fun foam: assorted small shapes to be used as details for the clothes pin people
- Low temp glue guns, glue sticks. Cardboard to protect work surface from glue.
  - White craft glue can be used as a back up.
  - Extension cords and power strips
- Lasagna foil pans, flat boxes, trays or baskets to use at stations for materials.  
Plastic bags to collect materials and projects in.

### Fabric to weave the looms:

Bright colors (solids work best), basically anything but heavy wools or upholstery fabric. Precut into strips about 2" to 3" wide, **no shorter** than 24", longer is better. You will need about 4 paper shopping bags for a 48" weaving.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	TASK DESCRIPTION	DATES NEEDED
As many as possible	Prep the cloth to make weft for weaving and for details	ASAP until August 20
Volunteers can work at home	Upcycle clothing and household fabrics - cut into strips for	
	weaving and making clothes pin people.	
	Possibly over dye fabrics to go with weaving color scheme.	
4-6 minimum	Assist with weaving and making the clothes pin people	August 20-22
Volunteers will work on site.	during the event. Must attend training prior to the event.	
	Possible training on August 20 just prior to the event.	
4 - 6 volunteers	Clean up after the event.	August 22 - 24??
	Glue the details and the people on to the completed weaving.	Exact dates TBD

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