

How to Make a SAORI No Sew Hat

(Adapted from Instructions provided by Karen Pardee, Serendipity SAORI Studio)

The No Sew Hat was originally designed by Su-chan in her Saori studio in Japan.

I like to call them the SAORI SURPRISE HAT and make them with left-bobbins and yarn ends!

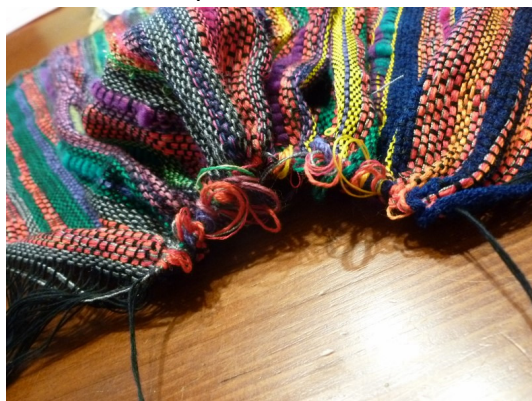
The hat pictured was made with random leftover bobbins on a Saori Piccolo loom on a black cotton prewound warp (200 threads @ 5 ecm). Finished cloth for example hat was 59cm long x 36cm wide and fits an adult nicely.

This could also be woven on a narrower warp (150 threads @ 5ecm) to fit a child or toddler.

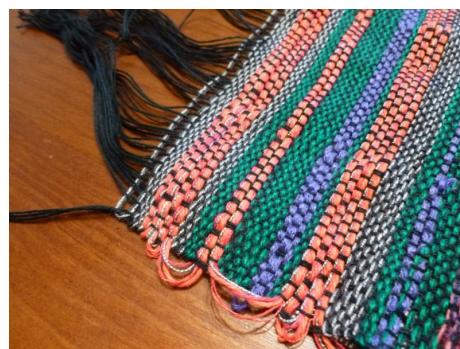


Here's how to make one:

1. Weave a length of cloth approximately **56cm to 60cm in length** and **30cm to 34cm wide**. Allow **30cm** of fringes on **both ends (start & finish)**.
2. Find three warp threads on one end. Set them to the side.
3. Find the exact same warp threads on the opposite end. Set those to the side as well.
4. Gently pull on one set of warp threads and gather to the centre. Repeat on the other side.

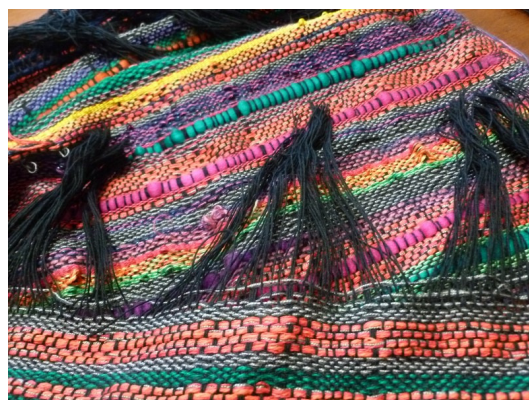


5. Flip the hat over so the fringes are hanging down the centre back of the hat.



6. On one side, divide the fringes into groups of three.

7. Wrap and tie each bundle with the long warp thread that was used to gather the hat to the centre. You will have three tied bundles per side.
8. Wrap and tie the bundles on the other side
9. Gently pull the thread to gather the bundles close together. You should now have one large bundle on each side, comprised of three smaller bundles tied together.





10. Bring the two bundles together. Wrap and tie securely around warp ends.

11. Let the Saori fun begin!

12. Ideas to consider

- a. Use up your left over bobbins and yarn ends
- b. Leave the warp ends longer so you can braid them, thread on beads, turn into tassels etc
- c. Make it from your handspun yarn or recycled cloth
- d. Insert wool tops, fabric, ribbon
- e. Pull a ponytail through the back opening hole
- f. Braid some or all of the fringe
- g. Roll up the brim
- h. Leave it down, and let it poof over to the side

