Warping a Lap Loom

1. Begin by tying a loop knot. To do this, start by folding the end of the warping yarn over itself so that there is about a 3 inch tail. Wrap the doubled over strand round your fingers to create a loop. Pull the yarn through the loop and pull tight. Make sure the loop opening is at least an inch long. (This is important for tying rya knots later on.) The tail of the yarn should remain long (about one to two inches) so that it can be tucked in later.

2. Place the loop knot over a nail and begin wrapping the yarn up and down around the nails. Make sure the tension is not too loose or too tight. If the tension is too loose the woven piece will be very messy, and if it is too tight the woven piece will be very hard to weave.

3. Finish by tying another loop knot around a nail making sure to pull a little bit of extra yarn loose to actually tie the knot.

Note: You can finish warping either at the top or bottom of the loom. Leaving roughly a one inch opening in the loop knots allows you to attach rya knots around any nail.