Weaving Station

Good for eye/hand coordination and dexterity

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We made a weaving station for the learners in the autism classroom - this would be great sensory for Kindergarten or First Grade as well. I made two wooden frames from crown molding (2.5 x 4.5). I used “L” brackets to connect the corners of each of the frames and double bracketed them for strength.

I’m not a carpenter, so I had LOWE’s cut the boards for me. I wish I had purchased flat crown molding - but what I used worked because I flip flopped the second frame to go the other way so it came out even in the end.

We bought plastic chicken wire to make the weaving area - I the using stapled it on the bottom frame.
I put the top frame onto the bottom frame with screws.

Then we wrapped the entire frame in colorful tulle to hide the screw holes and the little bit of unevenness in the frame. We attached big “L” brackets to the bottom and stabilized it with a “leg” so it could withstand pushing the ribbon in and out of the holes.

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Weaving station- all total I think I spent $46 for the frame and chicken wire and first “L” brackets and screws. I spent $36 for the colorful tulle (at Hobby Lobby)- it comes in ribbon size. I spent $17 for the screws and giant “L” brackets. All total the project cost- $99 and very little time to put together. The ribbon for weaving are all scraps of ribbon left over from other projects.