

Warping the SG Loom

Greetings from the Northwoods,

Here is a link to a youtube video about warping a rigid heddle loom. Though it is not specifically our loom, the principals are the same. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4iXt7mgDFI>
This one is our loom and is similar to the SG-Loom (just no beam teeth):
<https://www.bekainc.com/images/stories/foldandgohowtoweave.pdf>

Warping one of our SG series looms is essentially the same process as warping most rigid heddle looms. The main difference is our use of beam teeth on both beams, where other looms have you fasten warp threads to a wood dowel, which is then tied to a rotating beam (no teeth included). The beam teeth are a unique feature and are a real advantage (they make it easier to warp and create a more evenly spaced warp, they also allow you to use the loom as a tapestry loom).

You can choose any of the rigid heddle loom warping videos on youtube to use as a guide.

Once you see "how it's done" you can adjust the steps to your Beka Loom in several ways:

- tie bundles (or groups) of warp ends together, representing approx. 1" of your project; then use cord or string to fasten the warp bundles to the beam teeth (this will help make it easier to adjust the tension for individual bundles). Page 5, figure 14 of the instructions shows this: <https://www.bekainc.com/images/stories/sg%20frame%20loom.pdf>, or
- loop or tie individual warp yarn ends directly onto beam teeth on your Beka SG Loom instead of using a dowel rod, or
- use a wood dowel rod (like you'll see in videos) to hold your warp yarn ends, then tie the dowel rod to the beam teeth (it's easier to use the beam teeth on our loom, but if you really want to follow the videos on youtube exactly, you can).

- On the SG Loom, when winding the warp around the beams. After one full rotation of the warp beam, insert a layer of heavy paper (we recommend brown grocery bags) between the layers of yarn to separate them & to help keep threads even and out of the beam teeth. This will make it easier to maintain even tension across the width of your warp during the weaving process. **Page 4, figure 9 of the instructions shows this:**
<https://www.bekainc.com/images/stories/sg%20frame%20loom.pdf>

Once you watch a video or two, it should be fairly easy to warp your loom following the step by step notes in our written instruction sheet -- just adjust some of the details to your own preferences. **Start with Figure 3 on page 2 of our instructions** that were included with the loom.

There are many ways to warp a loom -- the key is finding what works best for you. For instance, we find using beam teeth directly makes it easier to get uniform spacing with your warp, compared to tying bundles to a dowel rod. It is also quite a bit faster to connect warp directly to beam teeth than the two-step option of tying warp to a rod that then gets tied to a beam.

If you'd like some additional information, we recommend a learn to weave class at a local yarn store or fiber center. Additionally, you can try the book *Learning to Weave* by Deborah Chandler. Please call with any questions 888-999-BEKA(2352) or 651-222-7005.

We hope this information is helpful and that you enjoy your Beka Loom. Happy Weaving!

Thank you for your support; we truly appreciate it!
~The Beka Folks