Hideaway Rectangle Loom Assembly

Lay out the pieces as shown in the photos. Match top long rail 'A' (the one with the Hideaway brand) with the left end rail 'A' mark. The marks on the wood will not show when assembled. This makes the upper left corner of the rectangle when it is laid out in a horizontal position. This corner is attached at this position for any of the width and length adjustments. It is also the starting corner for the continuous strand weaving method. This corner will be marked with an "S" for Start.



The bottom long rail has a 'B' mark on the end that matches up with a 'B' mark on the left end rail. When you match 'A' to 'A' and 'B' to 'B' you have 3 of the 4 sides of the rectangle complete. Below, the bottom long rail is set at the middle position, lining up with a red dot which is the color used for the middle width.

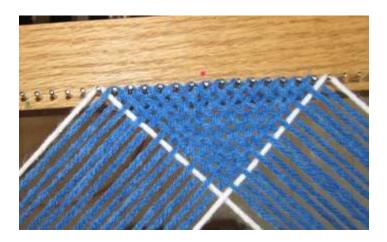


The movable right end rail that matches the setting you have chosen at the left end rail now can be bolted in place on the long rails. There will be a colored mark at the end of the row of pins on the movable right end rail that will line up with a colored mark on the long rails. This will give you a perfect continuous strand weaving. In the photo you can see the 2 red dots line up. You can choose the longest possible setting for that width as in this photo, or choose a shorter rectangle setting. Here the right end rail lines up with a red dot, the same color as the left end rail setting shown on the previous page. This shows a 72" Hideaway rectangle loom, other models may have settings, therefore the colored dots, in a different order.



When you have the right end rail lined up with colored dots on the top and bottom long rails, you will find corresponding holes for the 2 fastening screws on both long rails.

There are turning point marks along the bottom and top rail of the rectangle for each width, using the same color code for that width. This is where you will make your initial zig-zag with the first single yarn. This next photo shows a turning point mark on the top rail in red, the color I use for the middle width. These turning points are on the outside of the rectangle of pins, whereas the rectangle setting marks are on the inside of the rectangle near the edge of the wood.



Here a red dot marks the pin where you put the very first yarn strand when starting the weaving. Following these marks will ensure you get a perfect outcome.

Use 2 of the provided screws for each of the 4 corners of the rectangle. This takes 8 screws. The holes for the screws have been pre-tapped so they should go in easily. If a screw seems to be going in tightly, you might be able to back it out a little and re-start it in the correct groove. If it remains tight all the way in it will still work OK.

You can use a Phillips screwdriver or a square drive screwdriver on these screws with the combo head. A #2 square driver works well. When tightening by hand, you can get the screws as tight as you want. If you were to use a power driver without a soft clutch setting, get the final tightness using a hand-drive screwdriver to avoid possible stripping of the hole. If you ever did strip the threads in the hole, you could apply wood glue in the hole and turn in a screw finger tight while the glue dries in order to replenish the threads. This has never happened as far as I know.

Rectangle weaving instructions for Continuous Strand Weaving are at www.rectangleloom.info