To Warp:
To start your weaving, take a piece of yarn (refer to NOTE below) a little more then twice as long as you want your finished piece to be. Thread the ends of both pieces through the hole of one stick. Pull the ends down to match up with the beginning of the threads, so you have a warp that has 4 strands in it. Do this with all of your sticks. Now, take all the ends, and tie them together.

To Weave:
Take the end of your yarn (from your ball or skein), leave a tail, and start weaving by going over one stick, under the next stick (refer to diagram). When you get to the last stick, go under it, then all the way around until your yarn is in front again, and head back to the other side. Continue like this. As the sticks fill up with woven weft, pull the sticks down a few inches, one by one, which will push the weft down. Continue in this manner until the warp threads are full.

To finish a piece:
Slide the weft completely down onto the warp, leaving enough warp exposed to tie a knot. After you have cut the ends, you need to do something with the loose ends, so that your weft doesn't come out! You can tie all the ends together in one big knot, or you can tie them in smaller bundles, i.e. bundles of four threads. This will give a flat end to your piece. Untie the knot at the beginning of your work, and finish off the other end in the same way.

NOTE:
You can use just about any yarn with your sticks. With the small size sticks, I recommend two strands of worsted yarn. If you are using thinner yarn, OR if you are using larger sticks, use more strands.

Project ideas:
You can use your pieces for many projects. You can make belts and headbands with single pieces, of sew them together to make rugs, bags, scarves, or potholders. Use your imagination!
Stick weaving is a historic craft that has been used to create useful items for hundreds of years.

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