Receiving the Loom from Leclerc

On receiving the loom, unpack and lay out the loom components. Do NOT discard any packing material until all parts are inventoried.

Check the parts received against the parts list on pages #2 to #7 of the assembly instructions. Report any discrepancies to Leclerc immediately.

To assemble this loom, a minimum of 2 people are needed but it is recommended you use 3.
PARTS LIST

1 left-hand side
1 right-hand side

2 LAM SEPARATORS

Note for Leclerc in French: Faire les petit trous dans les montants pour les baguettes d'encroix.
2 breast beams

: sword

ht sword

th (front) beam

rp (back) beam

ten handtree

ten sley with shuttle race

ver-middle cross-member

adle set cross-member

ver cross-member

secting back posts

oss-member connecting stabilizing posts
PARTS LIST

1 apron

1 cloth take-up motion handle

8 shafts

10 treadles

3 treadle supports

1 treadle set rod (8S=28¾") WITH PUSHNUT

One more pushnut for treadle set

1 Crank

1 reed

2 lease sticks

4 warp rods
3 screwdrivers (black, red, green)
1 aluminum wrench
1 wrench 3/8" for eye lam screws
60 treadle cords 11¾" to join lams to treadles
60 treadle cords 22¼" to joint bottom part of shaft frames to treadles
1 boat shuttle
12 plastic bobbins
1 threading hook
2 pkg of cords (5 yds each)

heddles (36" loom) 12½"
heddles (45" loom)
heddles (60" loom)

VHS VIDEO cassette with mounting instructions
PARTS LIST

1 castle cover with pulleys and 1 castle top

8 metal lams with metal cables

NOTE FOR LECLERC: Les trous des contremarches doivent être + gros pour que les cordes passent facilement. Utiliser une mèche 1/4"
**PARTS LIST**

- **Machine bolts**
  - 4X - 3/8" x 5"

- **Carriage Bolts**
  - 2X - 1/4" x 2 1/2"
  - 4X - 5/16" x 2 1/2" (8 mm x 65 mm)
  - 3X - 5/16" x 4"
  - 2X - 5/16" x 3 1/2"

- **Square nuts**
  - 4X - 3/8"
  - 5X - 5/16"

- **Washers**
  - 4X - 7/16"
  - 11X - 5/16"
  - 4X - 9/16"
  - 4X - 3/8"

- **HEXAGON NUTS**
  - 2X - Nylon auto lock 5/16"

- **Wooden spacer**
  - 8X for a 8 shaft loom

- **Flat head screw**
  - 4X - #12 X 1 1/2" (cover)
  - 4X - #12 X 1 1/2" (hinges)

- **Round head screw**
  - 2X - #14 x 2 1/2"
  - 4X - #12 x 1 1/2" (back board)
  - 4X - # 8 x 1 1/2" (lams sep)

- **Tacks for canvas**
  - 4 spare shaft ends

- **Wing nuts**
  - 2 X - 1/4" (6 mm)
  - 5X - 5/16" (8 mm)

- **4X eye screws**

- **4X eye screws R-6**

- **2 Loop cords Back Post 20"**

- **1 book Warp&Weave**
Place right-hand side A of the loom on its front.

Insert a tenon of lower front cross-member B into the lower front mortise of right-hand side A. (Fig. 1)
NOTE: The lower front cross-member has 3 holes drilled through it which are used to affix the treadle set.

Using the wrench supplied with the loom, affix cross-member B with a 3/8" X 5" (10 mm X 125 mm) machine bolt, a 3/8" (10 mm) steel washer, and a square nut. (Fig. 1)

Insert a tenon of lower back cross-member C into the lower back mortise of right-hand side A. (Fig. 1)
NOTE: The lower back cross-member C does have 4 small holes drilled through it.

Affix cross-member C with a 3/8" X 5" (10 mm X 125 mm) machine bolt, a 3/8" (10 mm) steel washer, and a square nut (Fig. 1)
After having placed left-hand side D of the loom on its front, insert the tenons of cross-members B and C into the lower mortises of left-hand side D. (Fig. 2)

Use 3/8" X 5" (10 mm X 125 mm) machine bolts, 3/8" (10 mm) steel washers, and square nuts. (Fig. 2)
Using four 1½" (40 mm) round-headed screws No 12, affix back cross-member E to back posts A and B. (Fig. 3)

NOTE:
If cross-member E does not fit between posts A and B, insert it higher between the posts then slide it down. Application of soap to the screws will make their insertion easier.

Using two 2½" (65 mm) round-headed screws No. 14, affix the cross-member for the stabilizing posts F. (Fig. 3)
Insert the three 5/16" X 4" (8 mm X 100 mm) carriage bolts into the three lower holes of the front cross-member C. (Fig. 4)

The bolt heads should be on the underside when the loom is upright. The bolt heads must be hammered in snugly to the cross-member.

Place the loom right side up.

**NOTE:** If you do not want to have the wing nuts on top of the treadle set, insert the bolts from the top of the treadle set and use the square nuts supplied with the kit under the cross member.
Unfold the back section of the loom and lock it in place with metal hooks A. (Fig. 5)

Insert ¼" x 2½" carriage bolts into the holes of uprights. The nylon washers are already installed in the upright. Fasten the bolts with a ¼" wing nut.

Be sure that the stabilizing posts are open and flat on the floor. Affix two opened eye hooks R-6 into the predrilled holes. (Fig. 5-B)

Put loop cords B in place. These cords need to be tight, so they will secure the stabilizing posts. (Fig. 5)
Assemble the treadle set as illustrated. (Fig. 6)

Affix treadle set B to lower front cross-member C by inserting the cross-member bolts into the treadle set supports. Use 5/16" (8 mm) wing nuts with 5/16" (8 mm) steel washers. (Fig. 7)

Fig. 8 shows the set up for an 8 shaft loom.

If you do not want to have the wing nuts on top of the treadle set, insert the carriage bolts from the top and put regular nuts 5/16" at the bottom.
**Castle Top installation**
Install the Castle Top on the Castle sides. (no hardware necessary). Simply slip the Routed ends over the Castle sides. VERY IMPORTANT: Place the Top, as indicated by the Arrow, to the Front.

**Shaft installation**
(It is very important that you install your heddles before this operation. To add or remove heddles afterwards, remove the heddle support by bending it a little. You can start from the front or the back of the loom.)

Start installing the Lams and Shafts into the Castle Top, beginning with #1.
Place one Lam assembly (Lam and two top cables) on the floor under the most forward Shaft position (#1 from the front). Following the diagram on page #15, thread the top Cable on the left of the Lam up over the first lower bank Pulley from the front, across the Loom and over the first upper bank Pulley from the front on the right, down the Castle side and attach to the White Plastic Shaft end on Shaft #1.

Now thread the top Cable on the right of the Lam up and over the first lower bank Pulley from the front on the right, across the Loom and over the first upper bank Pulley from the front on the left, down the Castle side and attach to the opposite White Plastic Shaft end on Shaft #1.

Run the Cable under and around the first Pulley from the front on the lower bank from the Shaft side, up the Castle side to the White Plastic Shaft end on the bottom left of the Shaft.

Run the Cable under and around the first Pulley from the front on the lower bank from the Shaft side, up the Castle side to the White Plastic Shaft end on the bottom right of the Shaft.

Repeat this sequence with each succeeding Lam/Shaft combination working in order from the front to the back, #s 2 thru 8.
All cable lengths have been pre-adjusted at the factory.

VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE LOOM

All cable lengths have been pre-adjusted at the factory.
This is what it should look like. Eye bolts should be 90 degrees to the lams. Connectors should be parallel to the lams. Lams should be level.

**Finishing the shaft frame installation**

A small amount of tension is now needed on the cables. Make sure that all cables are in the right groove. Then, tighten the hinge of the bottom set of pulleys with 1½" flat headed screws # 12.

If the shaft frames do not move freely, the cables are probably too tight. Unscrew each hinge slightly.

Install the 2 lam separators using the 1½" round-headed screws #8.
In this countermarche system, each shaft (Harness) should be tied to one treadle. You should have 8 treadle cords per treadle.

The short treadle cord should be tied to the lam (that will raise the shaft). Using your Reed hook, thread the cord through the lam and to the loop (black mark). Let it hang (picture #1)

Pass the long cord over the bottom of the shaft. Pass it through the loop (red mark). Let it hang. (picture #2)
Tie cords to the treadles at the black or red mark (picture #3); Just push each loop with a mark over each eye screw.

As an example, let's try plain weave (2 treadles)
For treadle #1, tie short cord to lam #1, #3, #5, #7
  tie long cord to shaft #2, #4, #6, #8
For treadle #2, tie short cord to lam #2, #4, #6, #8
  tie long cord to shaft #1, #3, #5, #7

When the tie-up is completed, depress both Treadles at the same time to equalize and set the Treadle Cords. Both Treadles should now raise and lower the Shafts freely.
Inspect the Castle Pulley assembly that all Cables are aligned freely in their own path across the Loom and down the Castle sides.

Using four 1½" flat-headed screws no. 12, affix the castle top on top of middle wide post (castle). Make sure to screw in to the pre-drilled holes.
Using 5/16" x 3½" (8 mm x 89 mm) carriage bolts, affix swords A and B to the lower front cross-members C and D. Insert the bolt from the inside into the **LOWER hole** (countertmarche loom).
Place a 5/16" (8 mm) steel washer between the cross-member and the sword and another on the outside. Then add a 5/16" (8 mm) lock nut.

The grooves on top of the swords must be in front.
Using 5/16" x 2½" (8 mm x 65 mm) carriage bolts, 5/16" (8 mm) steel washers, and square nuts, affix batten sley C to the lower holes of swords A and B.

NOTE: The batten sley does not have polyvinyl bumpers but it has a shuttle race.

Using 5/16" X 2½" (8 mm X 65 mm) carriage bolts, 5/16" (8 mm) steel washers, and wing nuts, affix batten handtree D to swords A and B.

NOTE: The batten handtree has polyvinyl bumpers.

The slots of the batten sley and handtree must face each other.
Hold the circular wire brake shoe A slightly to the rear of the loom, **but do not unroll it.**

Insert the brake drum B into the wire brake shoe A. Then, install the ends of the warp beam C into the grooves of the back posts.

Hook turnbuckle A to flat wire circle B. Adjustment instructions will be given later.
Place the reed between batten sley C and handtree D. When the wing nuts are loose, the batten handtree can slide vertically in the sword slots. The reed must then be secured between the batten sley and handtree by tightening the wing nuts. If the batten does not touch the two bumpers equally, loosen the bolts of the batten sley and handtree and exert pressure on the batten centering it in its proper place. Tighten the bolts again.

Install take-up motion handle E on the axle end of cloth beam F (on the same side as the ratchet gear). Ratchet pawl G of the take-up motion handle must be lifted up.

Open beam latches H and place the beam ends in the slots J of the upper side cross-members K and L.

Note: Ratchet gear M must be on the right-hand side and ratchet pawls N must be lifted up.
Affix one of the breast beams A on the top of the front posts B and C. Affix the other breast beam on top of the back posts.

NOTE: To avoid splitting the front posts, slightly insert the breast beam onto the metal pin. Be sure that it is in the right position before inserting it completely.
Using metal rod E, join treadle C to lever D. First insert the double-cornered end of the metal rod into lever D; then insert the other end of the metal rod into treadle C while the treadle is depressed.

Raise treadle C as high as possible then hook spring F to lever D.

**BRAKE ADJUSTMENT:**
Release the brake by depressing treadle C and locking it down with the catch G. The warp beam should turn freely but the brake circular wire should not be too slack. If the tension is too great, unscrew the wing nut H slightly and then loosen the turnbuckle I. If the tension is too slack, tighten the turnbuckle I slightly and then the wing nut H.

Add a black rubber ring J to the lower end of the rod E, to prevent the rod from slipping out.
BEAMING:
Release the brake by depressing treadle C and by locking it down with catch G.

WEAVING:
To advance the warp, depress brake treadle C and turn cloth beam H at the same time. Then release brake treadle C and advance the cloth beam until the next notch in the ratchet gear is reached. If this is too much tension, gently depress the brake treadle until the desired tension is obtained.
Affix screw eyes F to the holes inside middle posts G. Pass a string C through the holes at each side of the lease sticks D and tie them to the screw eyes and to the thread beam A. The lease sticks will be held at the right height and distance for easy threading. (Fig. 21)
Here are some pictures showing the shed size and the treadles / lam s section.
Your loom should look also like this.

CLOSE SHED
SHED OPEN
PLAIN
WEAVE
Those 2 pictures show the lam section with connectors when one treadle (plain weave) is depress.
If the loom is equipped with a sectional warp beam, affix the rake-like pieces (following the instructions supplied with the sectional warp beam) and do the following instructions on the cloth beam only.

If the loom is not equipped with a sectional warp beam, affix the apron to the warp beam with tacks and do the following procedures on the warp and cloth beams.

Insert a warp rod into the apron border.

For 27″, 36″ and 45″ looms (70cm, 90cm and 115cm)
Cut the 5 yard (4.5m) cord in half. Use one half of the cord to lace the apron warp rod to a second warp rod. This second warp rod will be used to attach warp threads.

For 60″ loom (150cm)
Use a 5 yard (4.5m) cord to lace the apron warp rod to a second warp rod. This second warp rod will be used to attach warp threads.

For more information see the book "Warp & Weave" supplied with the loom.

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