OBJECTIVES FOR THIS ACTIVITY

- To share historical and present day ties between arts and activism; specifically domestic arts.
- To join together in a weaving activity to demonstrate making meaning through art.
- To explore the connection between activism, weaving and community transformation.

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OVERVIEW OF ART AND ACTIVISM

- An overview of the historical and present day significance of arts as a means of activism
- How the domestic arts have been used as a means of social change, particularly for women
WHY ART IS IMPORTANT IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Picture, just for a moment, all the intersecting stories in our community.
- We have the power to weave together or tear apart--what we create is up to us.
- This is NOT about protest; not about fighting against. It’s about fighting for.
- This is an invitation: to co-author in a safe place with curiosity, listening, weaving.
- What is your thread? What do you care about, and why? These are your gifts in our community.
- Today, we get a moment to experience creating with art and philosophy.
- “In through your heart, and out through your hands.”
A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF WEAVING


- Vertical warp threads held under tension; flexible, horizontal weft threads intertwined.
**Weaving as a Metaphor**

- The threads are without form or substance until they are interconnected. When woven together, fabric is created.
- Similarly, strength & transformation in a community are impacted when people connect & feel a sense of belonging.
- Today we will weave our individual stories and truths into a community narrative on the loom.
WEAVING ACTIVITY

- Use the pens to write your story, your truth, or who you are in your community on a strip of fabric.
- There are light & dark strips of fabric so that you can choose whether what you write is a proclamation or a whisper.
- When you finish, bring your strip to the loom to join it with the others.
- “You are weaving your story into our community narrative. You matter and we belong here together.”
Community

Collaboration
SMALL GROUP REFLECTION

- How could you weave the idea of using art to make meaning and foster change into your everyday life?
- What other arts-based activities do you participate in. How could they be used to foster community building & activism?
TAKING THIS TO OUR COMMUNITY

- Choose another fabric strip and write something that represents one thing you learned and want to take with you.
- You may create a fabric strip to share or trade with another participant.
- The fabric is talisman: an object that can bring the power of intention.