

Make your own Beater Lock for a Gilmore Compact Loom

New Gilmore Maple Floor looms come with a Beater Lock installed. This Beater Lock is installed by drilling a hole through the looms support rail. Unfortunately, this type of Beater Lock is difficult to install on different looms as the location of the hole varies from loom to loom and is customized for each loom.

Older similar Gilmore Compact series looms do not have a beater lock. Some other manufactured floor looms use a hole drilled through the loom leg frame and then through the Beater Bar Legs and then using a pin to go through and hold the Beater Leg. Gilmore Looms does not recommend this system as the hole and the pin have a tendency to get elongated or bent.

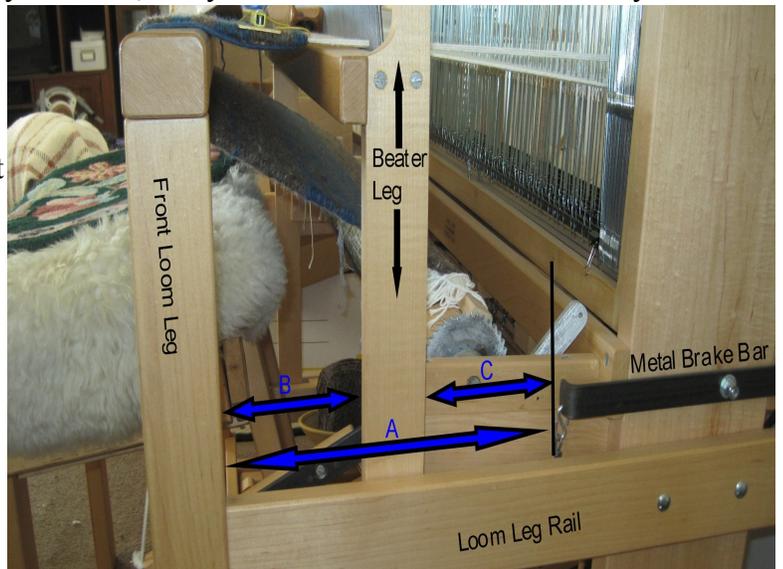
A safe and strong Beater Lock can easily be made for your loom, and you can customize it so it will fit your loom perfectly.

Look at the photo to the right.

With the Beater Leg straight up (where you will want it locked) measure **A** from the inside of the Front Loom Leg to the chain links that stick out on the Metal Brake Bar.

Measure **B** from the inside edge of the Loom Leg to the front edge of the Beater Leg.

Measure **C** from the back edge of the Loom Leg to the chain links on the Brake Bar.



Using the above measurements make a part about 3/4" thick and a couple of inches wide and length **A** long. The photos label this part **A**.

Make two parts that are about 3/4" thick and at least 1" wider than part **A**. One will be the length **B** above and the other length **C** above. It is important that these parts be wider than part **A** because when assembled gravity will cause the Beater Lock to rock forward against the Beater Leg.

Assemble the parts as shown in the below photos. When done you can put your Beater Lock on the Loom Leg Rail whenever you need it and it will safely and securely lock your Beater Bar in position.

