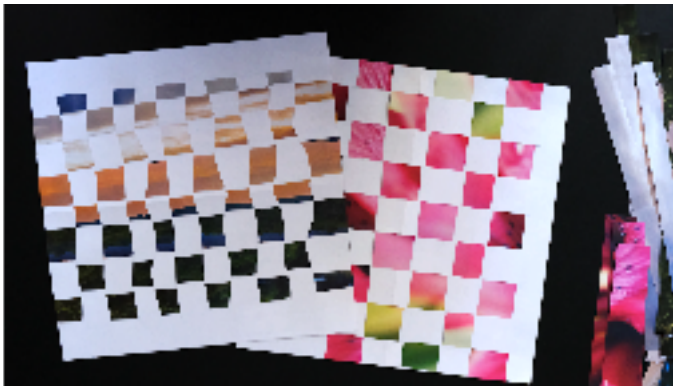


# Paper Weaving

Difficulty: ★☆☆☆☆ - Easy

Time: 30 minutes



Make your paper weave pattern as exciting as you like, try wavy or zig zags cuts for the base. You can evenly space your slits, or mix it up and see what unique pattern you create. Have fun!

## Materials

- White sheet of paper for the base. You can even reuse these instructions!
- Colored or patterned paper, old newspapers or magazines
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick

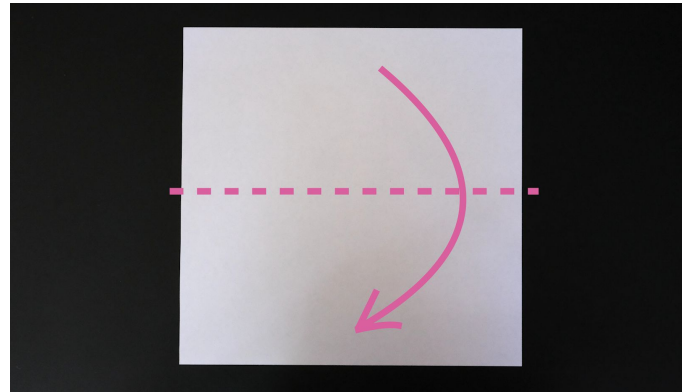
## Vocabulary

Weaving consists of vertical (up-down) and horizontal (sideways) lines of thread, yarn or other fibers that are woven together.

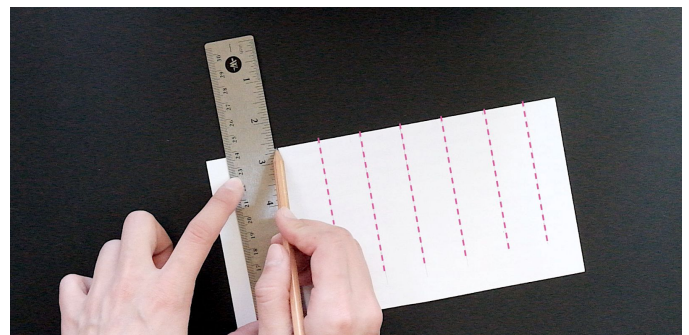
## Steps

1. (Optional) Take a piece of white paper and cut it into the desired shape and size, e.g. create a 8.5-inch square.

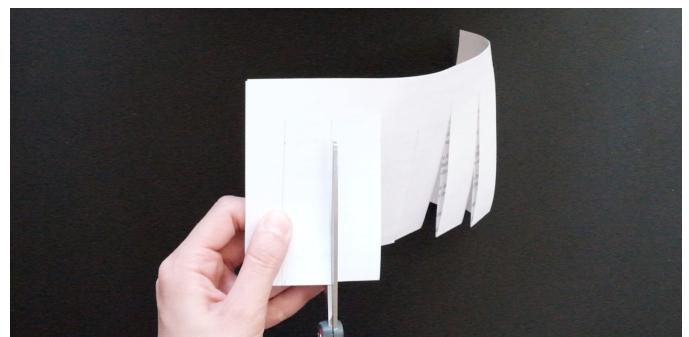
2. Fold it in half.



3. Draw evenly spaced lines (1 inch apart), starting from the folded edge and ending about 1 inch from the opposite edge.



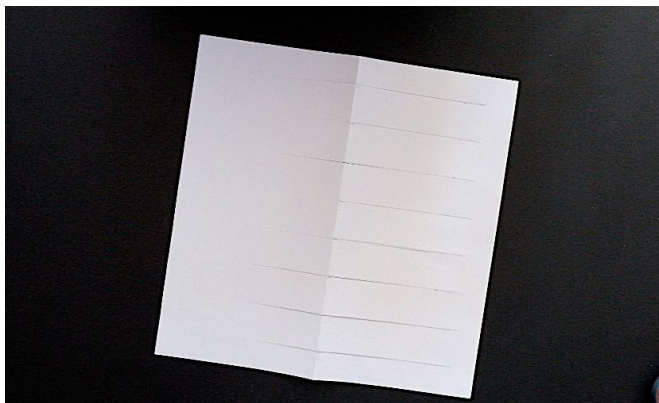
4. Cut along the lines. Make sure to leave the last inch uncut.



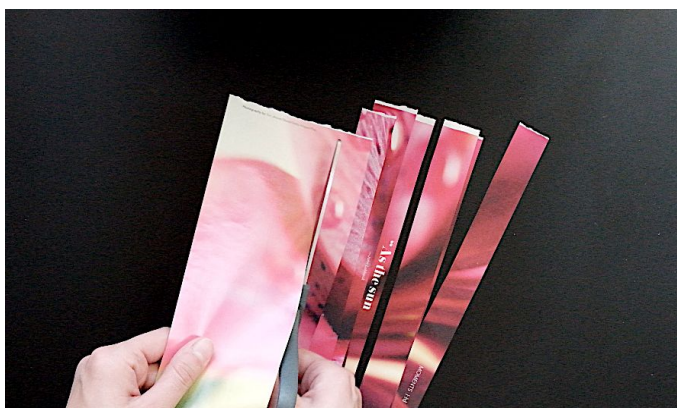
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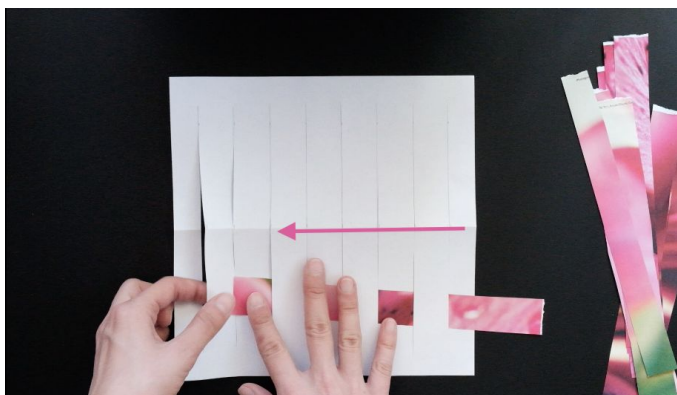
5. Carefully unfold the paper.



6. Take colored paper and cut strips about 1 inch wide. Make sure that the strips are longer than the width of the paper base.

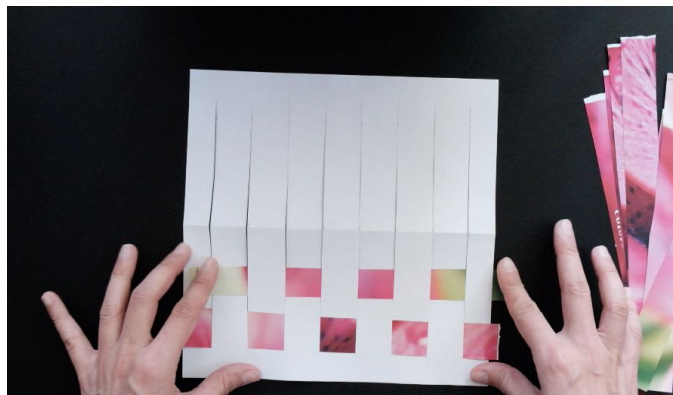


7. Start weaving by threading the first strip of paper across the slits, going **over** and **under** each of the white strips.

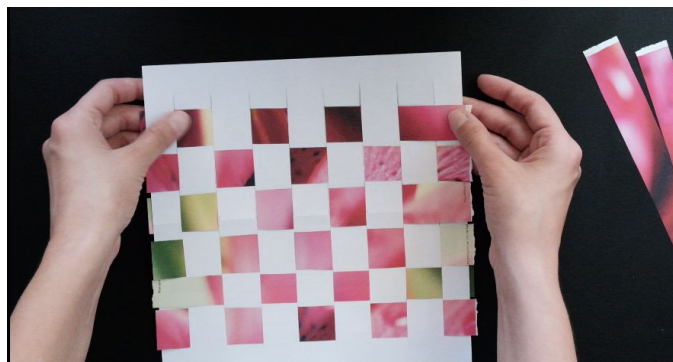


8. Move the woven strip to the bottom and start with the next one.

9. For the next strip of paper, alternate the pattern by weaving **under** and **over**.



10. Weave more strips in, alternating the pattern, until you reach the top of the slits.



11. Glue the ends of the colored strips to the white base and cut them to fit the base edges.

