



Learn how to weave!



No special equipment or materials needed. Find out how in this great book made by Leah Witton.



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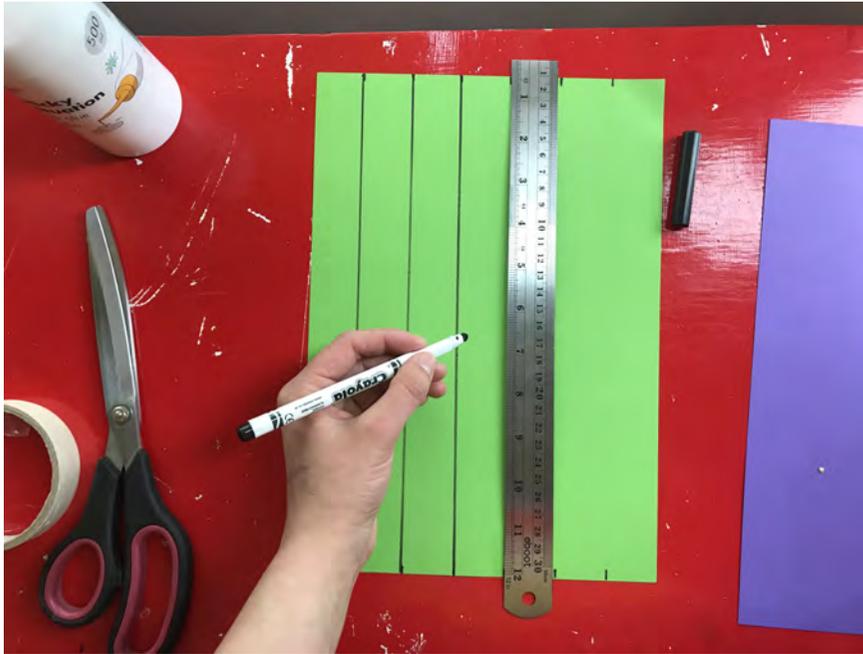
Materials for project

1. Paper (3 sheets) - if you don't have paper in your house, you can use old newspapers, magazines, cardboard and even plastic bags
2. Choose from either PVA glue , Celotape , Pritt Stick
3. Scissors
4. Pen or pencil
5. Ruler (not essential)

Step 1

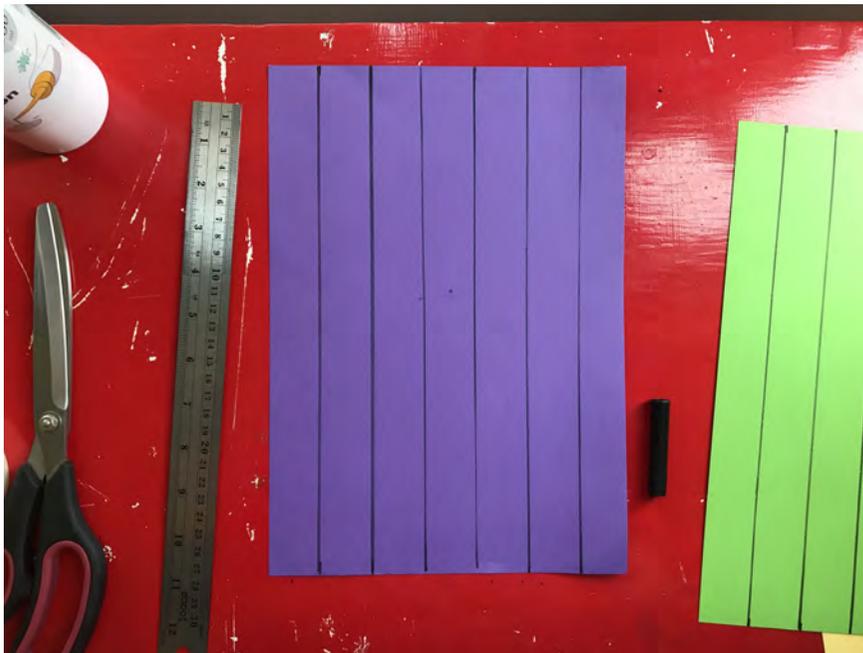
Using your ruler (if you have one) and pen, draw horizontal lines down you piece of paper for your strips.

Try and make sure they are around the same width. You can do this by measuring with your ruler or folding your paper.



Step 2

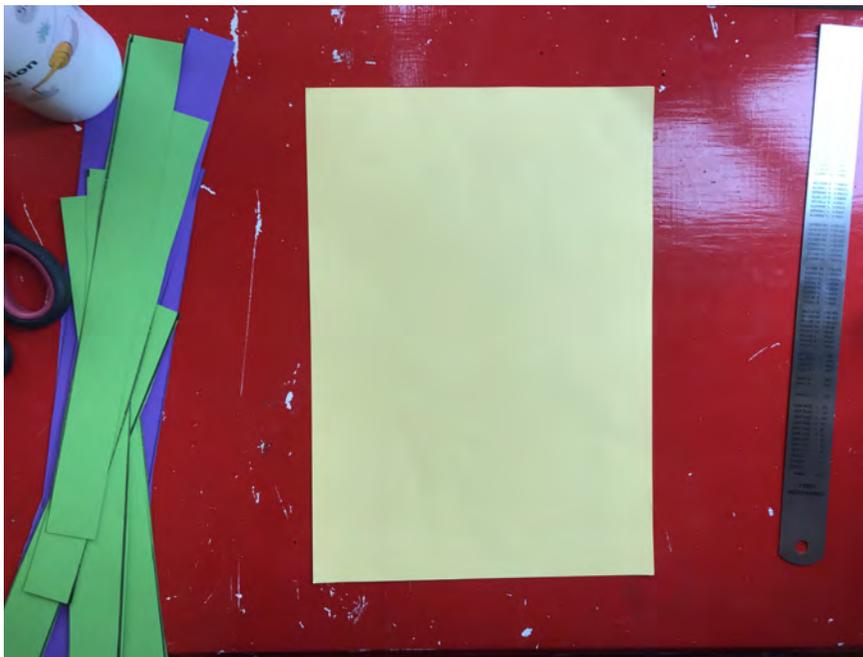
With your second piece of paper do the same as your first piece.





Step 3

Using your scissors or ruler (which ever you prefer) cut out your strips following the lines you have made.



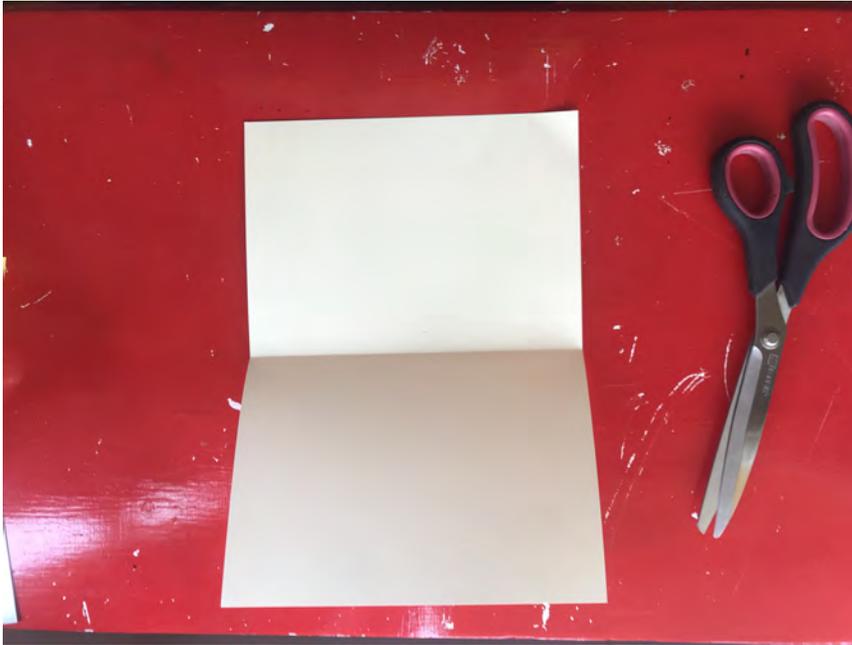
Step 4

Once you have cut out all the strips, get your third piece of paper.

This is going to be your base for your weaving.

Step 5

Fold your piece of paper in half, as seen in the picture

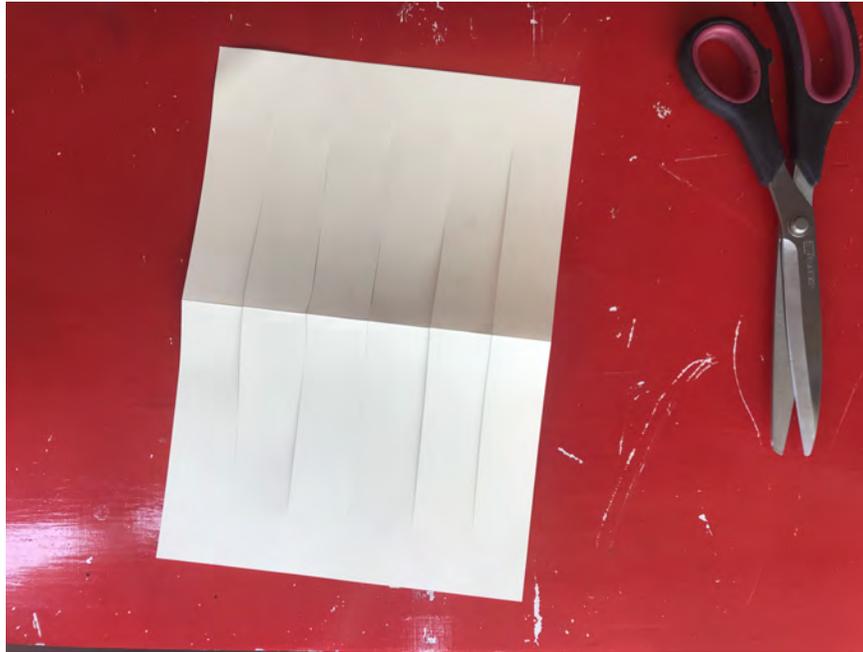


Step 6

Cut even strips along your paper but not all the way to the top

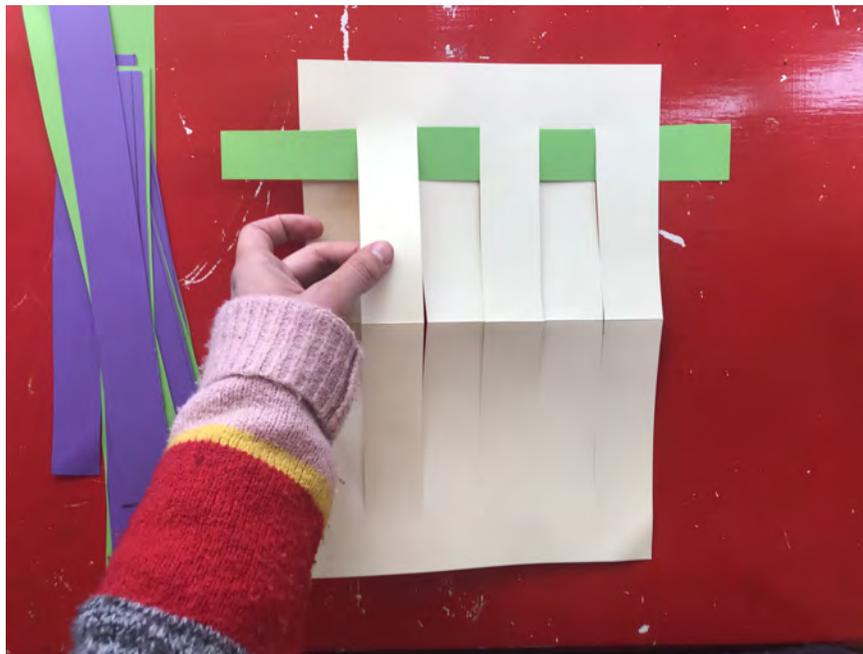
Leave about a 3cm gap at the top





Step 7

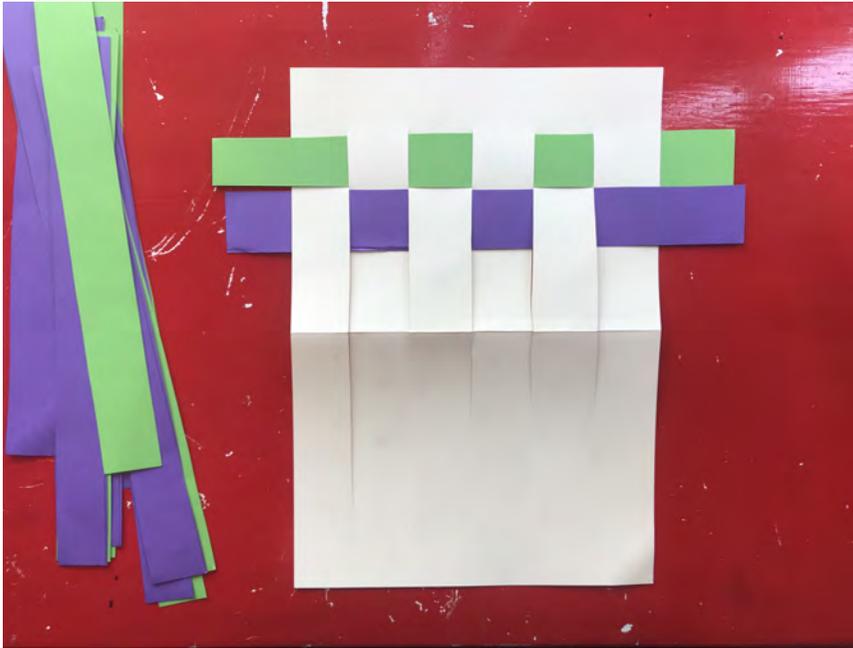
Once you have cut strips across your paper open it up



Step 8

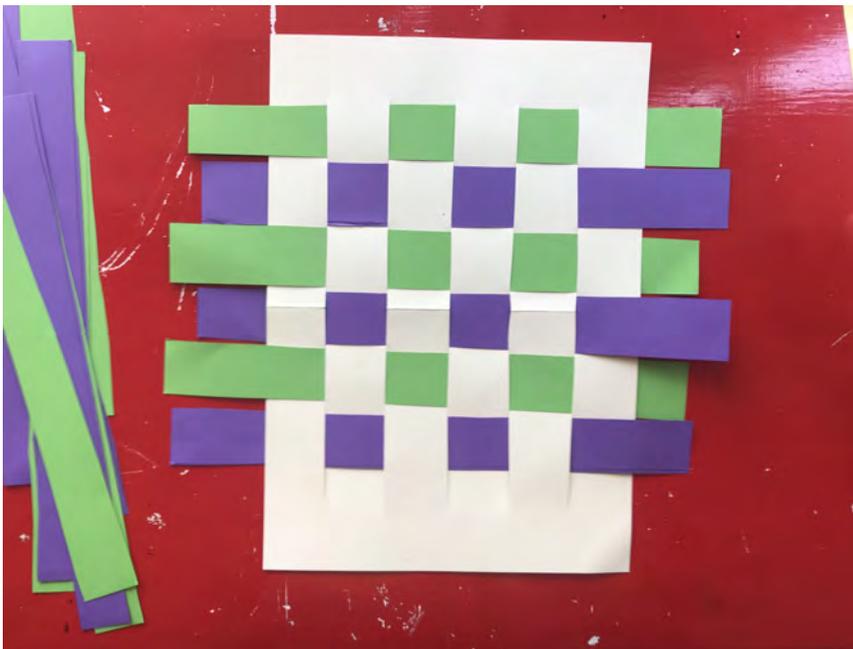
Now the weaving.

Using the strips you cut out early, weave through the paper by going over then under the cuts you have made.



Step 9

To get the checkerboard effect, start by weaving the first strip of paper over then under the slots. For the next strip of paper, alternate the pattern. For example, start the second strip by weaving under then over.



Step 10

Continue weaving down the paper until you can't fit anymore strips.

If you want to make your weave look neater, you can fold the strips over to the back. Using tape or glue stick them down.

Using other materials

If you don't have lots of different paper in your house you can also use things like plastic bags.

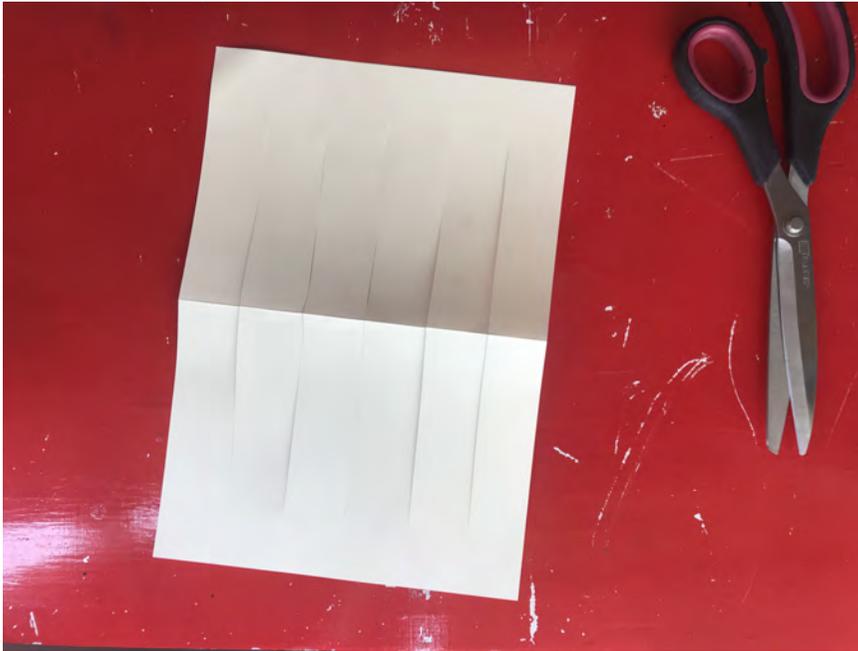
Step 1

Cut open your plastic bag and cut off the handles

Step 2

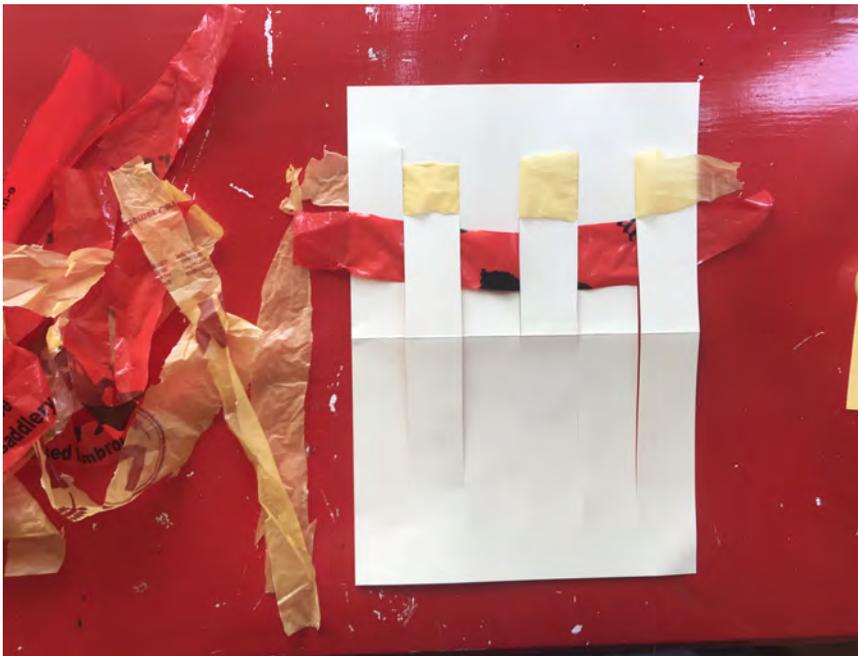
Cut your bag into strips (as evenly as possible)





Step 3

Copy steps 5,6,7 to create your weaving base.



Step 4

Using the same steps as the paper weaving

Under then over
Over then under