

WOVEN PAPER ART

Create one piece of woven art by combining two drawings! Recommended for youth 7 & up. This craft will take about 45 minutes.

Supplies: 2 pieces of paper, scissors, and drawing utensils

1

Create two drawings

Create 2 full page drawings, one on each sheet of paper. For this project, it will help if you use different colors and/or different designs in each of your drawings.



2

Cut slits into one drawing

Choose one of your drawings and fold it in half hamburger style. Grab your scissors and begin cutting from your fold toward the edge of your paper. Stop your cut 1/4 inch from the edge. If you accidentally cut all the way through, you can just tape the edge back together. Make more cuts one inch apart until you reach the other side of your paper.



3

Cut other drawing into one inch wide strips

Cut one inch wide strips all the way through your other drawing. Start your cuts at one long edge and cut across to the other long edge. Make sure to keep your strips in order. This will help you in the next step!



4

Weave one drawing into the other



Lay flat your first drawing with the slits in it. Take the first strip of your cut drawing and place it over the first row of your slit drawing. Then slide it underneath the second row of paper, and then over the third row (as pictured). Keep up this pattern of going over and then under and then over again until you reach the end of your paper.

Your first line of weaving should look like this picture. Notice how your paper strip goes under every other row. Push your strip toward the edge of your slits to keep a nice tight weave.

Grab the next strip of paper you cut from your drawing. Start this strip by threading it under the first row of your slit paper. Then bring it over the next row, under the next, and over the row after that. Keep this pattern until you reach the last row. You'll start your next slip of paper by going over the first row. With each new strip you begin, you will alternate whether you start over or under the first row.

To the left is the pattern that should be developing. As you weave, periodically push your strips together to keep a tight weave. Keep weaving until you are unable to fit another strip in. You will have a couple strips left over.



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