



Paper Weaving

For this project you will need:

- one 8.5" x 11" piece of paper (construction paper is preferable)
 - various strips of paper (wrapping paper, newspaper, magazine paper, construction paper, paper bags, etc.)
 - scissors
 - glue (optional)
1. Fold the 8.5" x 11" piece of paper hotdog style (lengthwise).
 2. Beginning at the fold in the paper, cut slits every 1" down the length of the paper. **DON'T CUT ALL THE WAY TO THE EDGE OF THE PAPER!** Leave space between the end of your cut and the edge of the paper.
 3. Cut whatever other kind of paper you have into vertical strips, down the long side of the paper. Your strips can be whatever width you like.
 4. Now you're ready to weave! Use the slits in the cut paper to pull your paper strips under, then over, the 1" slats of your original paper.
 5. When you have finished weaving one strip, push it up gently to the row above so there isn't space between strips.
 6. If you started weaving your first strip under, start the second strip by weaving over. Keep alternating weaving each strip over and under so the squares form a checkerboard pattern.
 7. If you like, you can use a drop of glue to hold the ends of the paper strips in place.
 8. If the paper you used for strips is different on both sides, check out both sides of your final weaving – you'll have two different designs!