

Explore Paper Weaving

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In this video resource Paper Artist Naomi Kendall demonstrates how you can create 3 different types of paper weave. Use painted or scrap pieces of paper to make each weave individual. Naomi demonstrates a range of processes, from creating a simple well known weave to more complex weaves. Accommodate different abilities by sharing the weave that is most appropriate for your students.

My name is Naomi and I'm a paper artist, I cut, fold and weave by hand. My work sits somewhere between fine art and craft. I work mostly in colour and occasionally in monochrome, and also make my own marks and textures on paper with inks and paint.



For this project you'll need some paper, some scissors, a craft knife, and a metal ruler.



You'll need to cut some strips of paper. To do this I use a ruler, cutting mat and a sharp knife, but you could use a guillotine or a paper cutter or even some scissors, but this might not get such an accurate cut.



For our first project we're just going to make a really simple woven paper tile like this one.



You'll need a nice sturdy square of card. You'll take a slim strip of paper for the first one and make sure it's lined up nicely along the edge. Fold the paper over the top of the card and secure it with some pva glue, a nice fast drying one if you can find it.



Once you've got strips of paper all along your card you can start weaving through them. You can go over or under but make sure you alternate as you go along. As you get to the end make sure you push your paper nice and tight up to the top. You might want to hold your strip nice and tight when you do this

and then tuck each end around the back of the cardboard tile.



With each strip you add you will need to alternate, so where you have previously gone under you now want to go over. Each strip also needs to be pushed up nice and tight against the one before it.



When you've got each strip into place, you'll want to tuck the edges round the back, and this will keep the work nice and

tidy.

You can give it a push up if you need to, the paper is stronger than you think. When you've finished weaving all your strips across, you'll want to tuck all your ends behind and then give them a trim to neaten them up and glue them securely behind.



To finish it off glue a nice colours square of card onto the back.