Learn the basics of weaving with paper and then explore the endless possibilities of what you can create with this technique! You can learn more about weaving in this year’s Summer Art Camp classes—Weave It Wild: Animal Kingdom, Weave It Wild: Reptiles, Indigo Dyeing, Weaving from 2D to 3D, and Once Upon a Loom!

**Age/Grade**  All

**Materials**
- Cardstock
- Paper: colors, patterns, different materials (magazines, books, painted or colored papers)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil

**Activity Ideas**

**K–5 //**  Create + Cut: Paint and color on paper to create fun designs. Once dry, cut your colorful paper into strips to weave.

**6–8 //**  Woven Poetry: Write a poem leaving space between each line. Cut the poem up into strips. Weave the strips in and add other elements that express or describe your poem.

**9–12 //**  Pattern Play: Look at different weaving patterns like twill and plaid and recreate them with your paper weaving. Use these paper weaving patterns as a reference for your design.

**All //**  Larger than Life Loom: Build a large loom for your home with familiar materials—Assemble a backyard nature loom or build a loom from PVC pipe!

**Resources**

View fiber artists, Mary Kircher and Debbie Suchoff’s Instagram page for inspiration on weaving with words and unconventional materials.

See how artist Julie VonDerVellen weaves paper into painterly compositions and lifelike objects!

Share your creations with us! Tag us: @artspacenc #ArtspaceAtHome
1. Fold your paper in half

2. Make marks at every ½” across the width of the page along the fold. Create variation in your weaving by changing the width of your marks.

3. Create slits by cutting along each mark. Do not cut all the way to the end, stop when you are ½” away from the edge of the page.

4. Unfold your paper—you made a loom!

5. Cut paper strips.

6. Weave your paper strips over and under each slit on the loom.

7. Use your fingers to push each paper strip into place after weaving it through.

8. Alternate how you start each new row.

9. Repeat until you have filled the weaving space.

10. Create designs and patterns by changing colors or width of your strips!

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