



Paper Weaving Adventure

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Ashlee here again with a new adventure for you to try. I hope you are doing ok and the sunshine is making you happier. In this adventure there are some new words for you to learn like WEFT and WARP and LOOM.

LOOM = The paper you will weave on to.

WARP = The lines you will cut on you loom.

WEFT = Strips you will weave into your loom.

Let's get started...

- Go on a paper hunt around your house. I found some magazines, newspaper, brown shopping bags and packaging from the cupboard.



Ashlee Tawhiti (2020).

- Decide on the shape of your loom. I have chosen the rectangle shape from the side of a cereal box for my loom.



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- Find yourself a ruler and make a frame on the back. This is an important step so you do not cut your warp lines close to the edge.



- Use a marker pen to draw the warp lines, they can be straight or curvy. You are the artist and you decide.
- Fold your loom in half one way.



- I have used the scissors as a ruler to define the width of the warps.



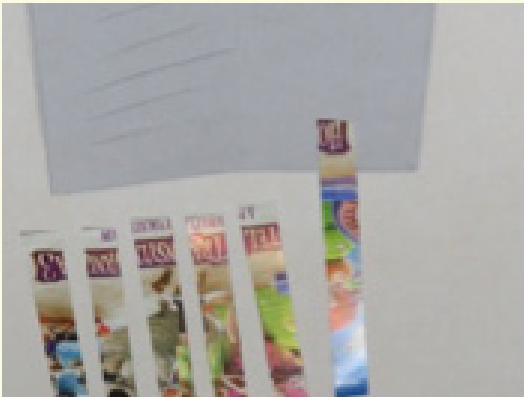
- Decide wefts / strips widths and rule a line on the back to show where to cut. Then carefully cut strips / wefts. Decide which way up the images will weave into the loom.



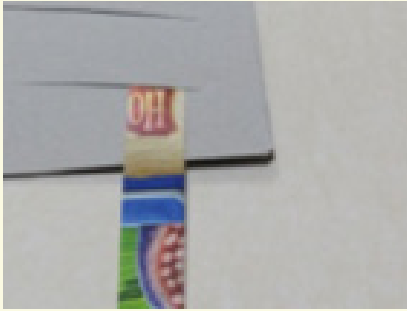
- Here are my wefts / strips ready to start weaving on to the loom.



- The first weft is going to start under the first warp line.



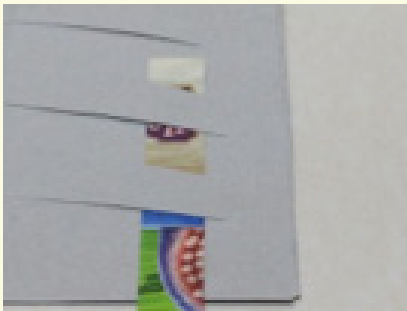
- Then the weft will go under the middle and out of the second warp line.



- The weft will then go under the third warp line.

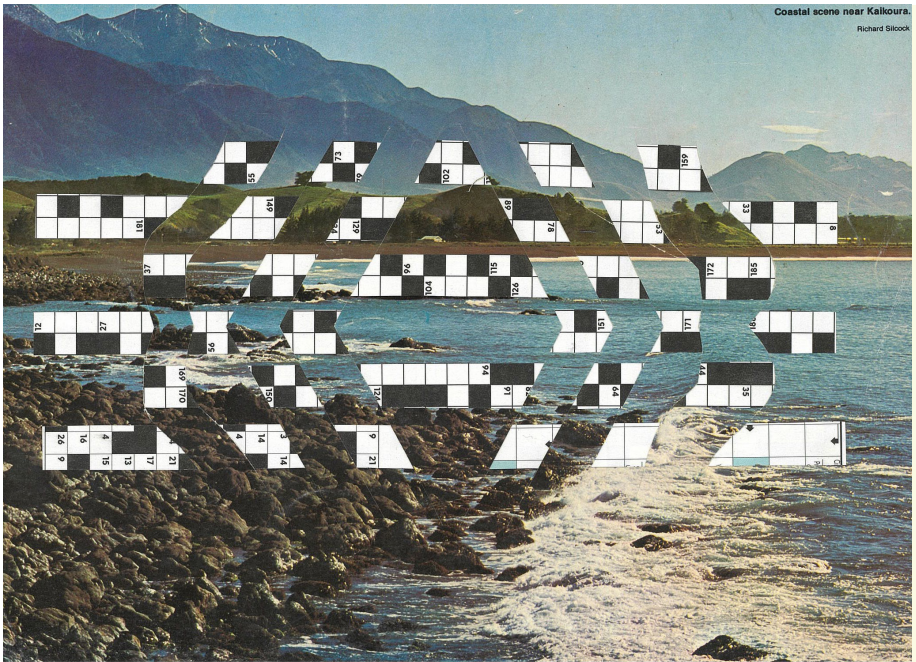


And out of the fourth warp line like below.



- The rhythm of the weft will be under, over, under, over until you get to the last warp line.
- Start on your second weft and this will opposite to the first warp line.
- Carry on until you get to the end and you have woven in all the wefts.





When you finish weaving in all the wefts adjust them so they are even to the edge. If you need to you can tidy up the ends by carefully trimming off the longer strips, or you can fold them over and tuck them in behind.

Yay! You have completed your paper weaving.

You can try using different thicknesses, line shapes and directions of the warps. Try skipping some warps to make a pattern with the weft / strips, you can decorate it however you like.

Always remember, You are the artist and you make the rules.

Here are some more examples I have been creative with...

I hope you enjoy your holidays whatever you do!

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