



**The
Castle**
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Paper Weaving Craft

ART PROJECT USING PAPER LOOM DESIGN

Craft Description: This is a project for children in 1st grade and up. It uses a paper loom and strips to create a paper mat.

Supplies:

Scissors

Markers

Cardstock or construction paper for paper loom (white and other desired colors)

Decorative scrapbook paper or construction paper for weaving strips

Glue

Loom template (provided)

Brief history of weaving:

Weaving is a very ancient craft. Examples of woven items have been dated to 27,000 years ago. Ancient weavings used mainly plants fibers. They were created to meet a basic need for things such as very crude fabric for clothing, sandals, and baskets. There are many forms of weaving and it is part of our everyday life. Forms of weaving include knitting, crocheting, and braiding. The clothing we wear, our hairstyles, tying knots, are all forms of weaving.

Weaving Terms:

Weaving: combining two threads together from two different directions.

Loom: a device using for weaving

Warp: threads running the length of the loom

Weft: threads that are woven crosswise

Preparation steps:

- Gather your supplies.
- Print the copy of the paper loom on cardstock or construction paper.
- Cut decorative scrapbook paper or construction paper into 9 one inch paper weaving strips.

How To:

1. Carefully cut the lines on the paper loom
2. Weave the first strip over and under the paper loom strips.
3. Weave the second strip under and above the paper loom strips.
4. Continue weaving alternating as described above.
5. Trim off the edges of the weaving strips and glue them to the loom edge.
6. As a bonus, you can decorate the loom with your name or a drawing.

To Enhance this Activity:

- Show examples of woven objects: a rug, fabric, a basket, etc.

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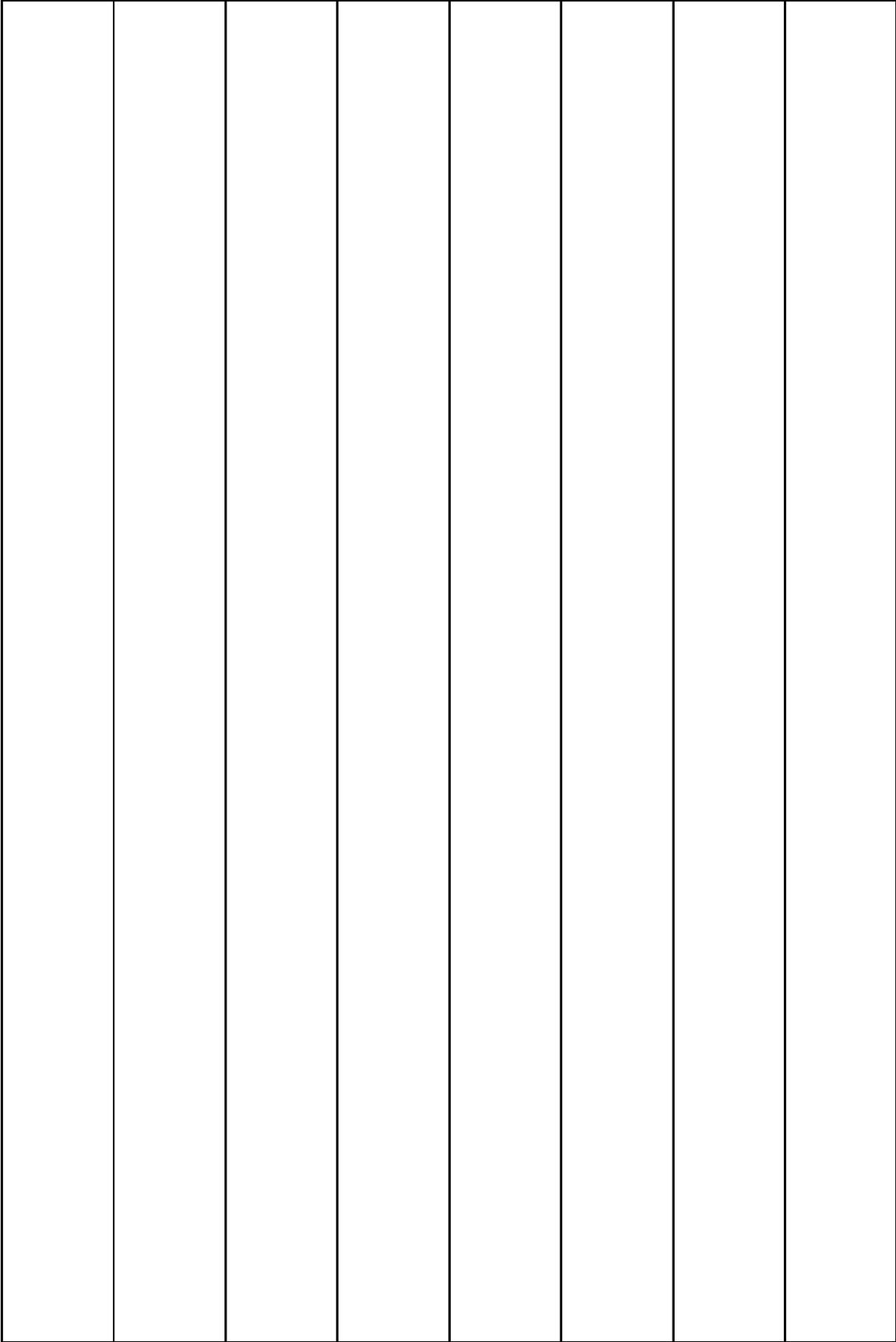
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Paper loom

Print on cardstock or construction paper.