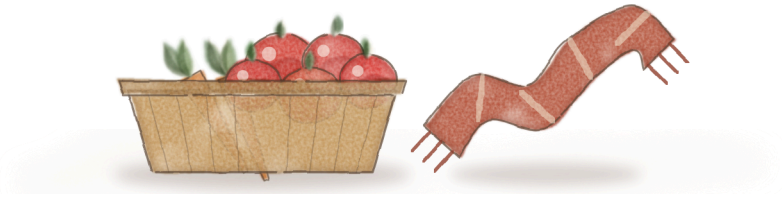
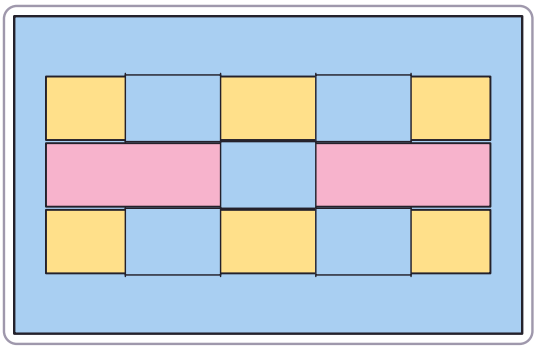
FREE SAMPLE CRAFT · LEVEL S2

Scissor-to-Craft

First Paper Weaving Placemat

Fold a mat, snip slits from the fold to the STOP bars, and weave strips over and under. Four mats: big bands, a striped placemat, a two-color check, and wavy strips.





Big Weave, finished (drawing)

THE LEVELS IN THIS PACK (OUT OF FIVE)

S0	S1	S2	S3	S4
Get ready	Snip	Cut straight	Turn and curve	Build

IN THIS FREE CRAFT

- A snip-and-stop warm-up
- A mat and strips at true size
- A drawing of the woven mat
- Easier and harder ways
- Safety and grip notes
- A low-ink cut sheet

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · Always with a grown-up and child-safe scissors · Practice and play, not a therapy program

Before you begin

About 25 minutes. You need child-safe scissors, a glue stick and tape.

Paper weaving in three moves: fold the mat and snip each slit from the fold to the STOP bar, cut the strips, then weave each strip over and under. Cutting on the fold keeps the frame whole, so the mat holds together.

SAFETY FIRST

- A grown-up stays with the child for every cutting activity.
- Use child-safe scissors with rounded tips that fit the child's hand, and left-handed scissors for a left-handed child.
- Cut sitting at a table. Walk with scissors closed, holding the blades.
- Glue sticks only. Keep small paper scraps away from children who still put things in their mouths.

GRIP AND HELPER HAND

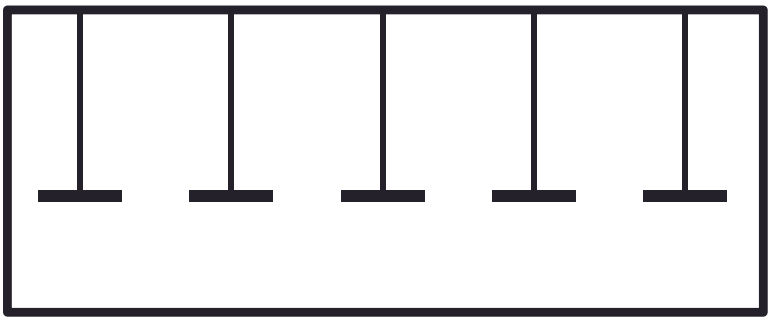
- Thumb in the top loop, pointing up ("thumbs up"). Fingers in the bottom loop.
- The helper hand holds the paper near the edge, thumb on top, fingers below and away from the blades.
- Use left-handed scissors: the blades are reversed so the child can see the line.

PRINT CHECK

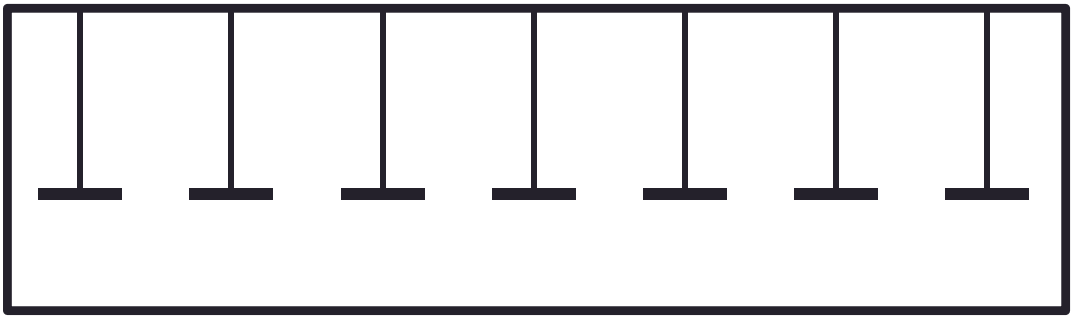
Print at 100% ("Actual size"). The pieces are drawn at real size, so they match the glue base only at 100%.

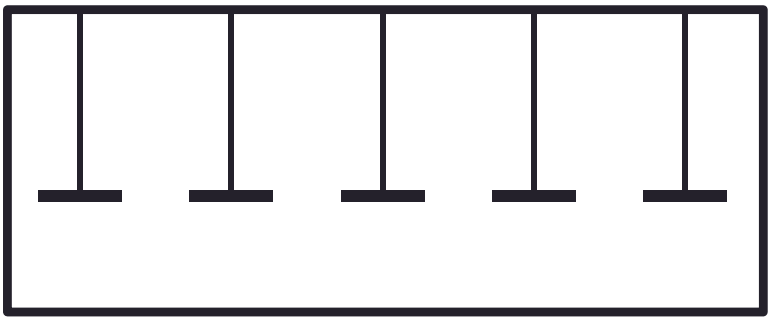
Warm-up: Snip and stop

For Big Weave. Snip on each line and stop at the bar. Keep the strip in one piece.



STOP at the bar





GROWN-UP: WATCH FOR

- Thumb on top ("thumbs up"), scissors pointing away.
- The helper hand holds the paper, fingers away from the blades, and turns it at corners.
- Left-handed? Use left-handed scissors. Any direction that keeps the line in view is fine.

Cut it out: Big Weave

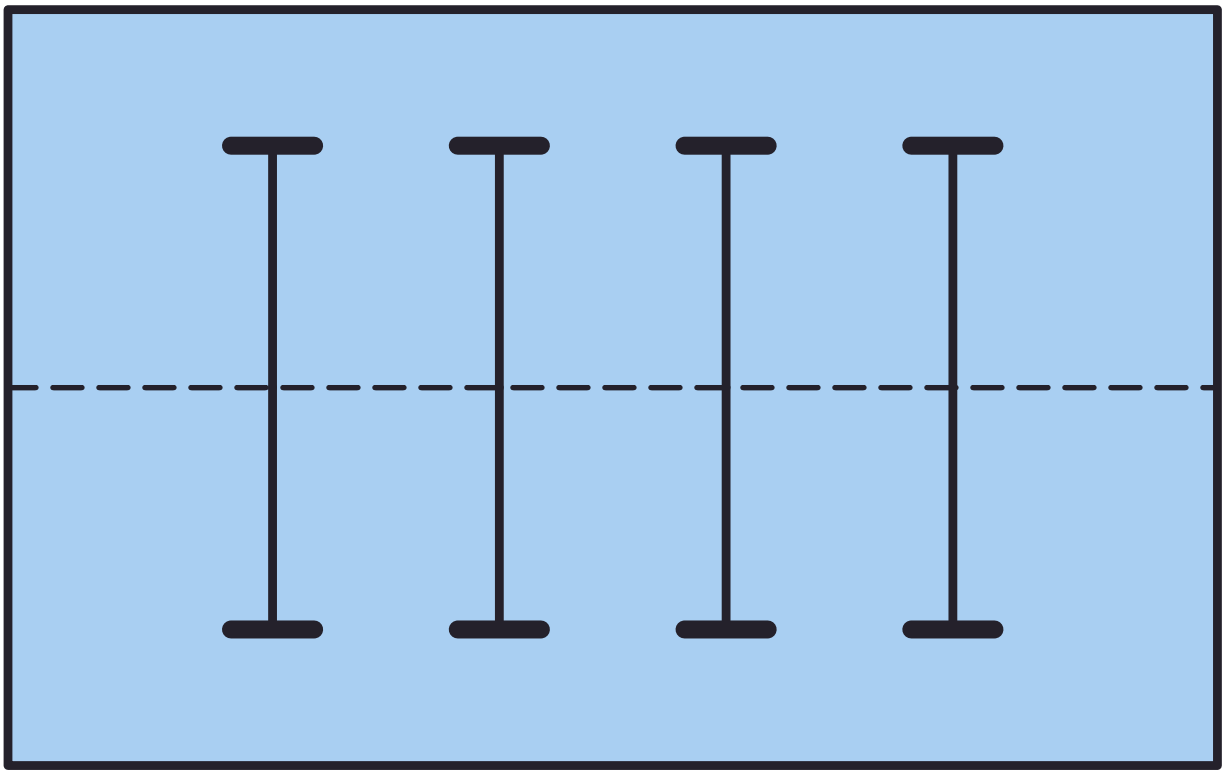
cut on the line

snip, stop at the bar

fold

glue

grown-up cuts



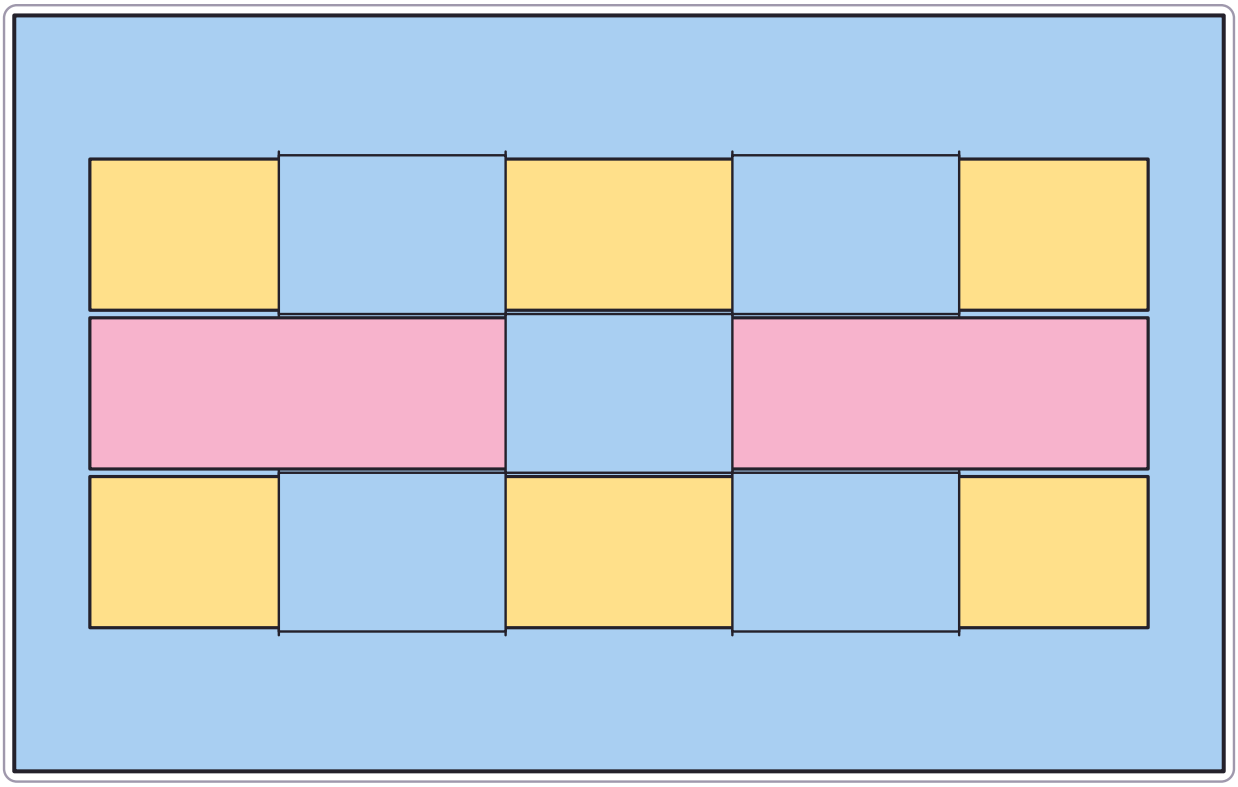
Make it: Big Weave

1. Cut out the mat and the three strips.
2. Fold the mat on the dashed line. Snip from the fold along each line and stop at the bar. Unfold.
3. Weave a strip: over, under, over. Start the next strip under.
4. Push the strips close together. Glue or tape the ends.

GROWN-UP DOES

Fold the mat with the child the first time: printed side out, along the dashed line.

FINISHED (DRAWING, 100% OF REAL SIZE)



EASIER

The grown-up folds the mat and holds it; the child snips the slits.

HARDER

Cut a fourth strip from scrap paper and weave it in.

GROWN-UP CHECK

Does the child stop each slit at the bar, so the frame stays whole?

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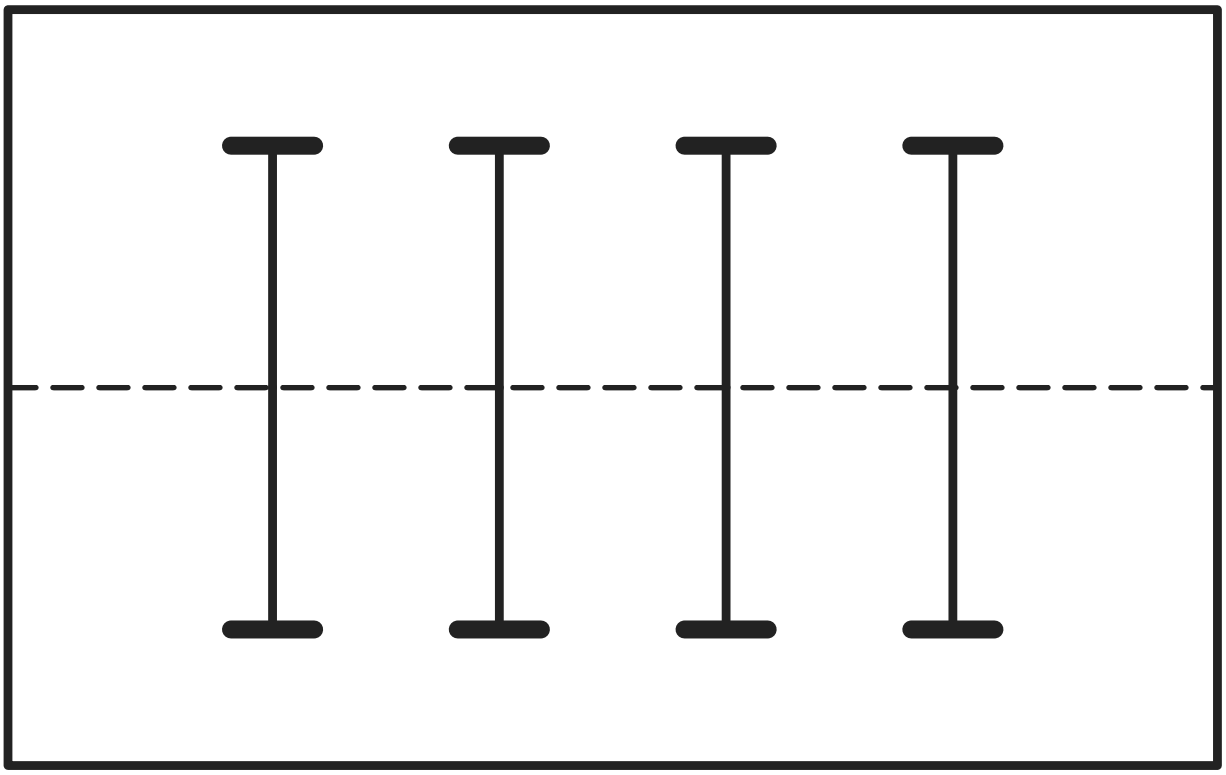
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