Paper Weaving

Weaving is the interlacing of threads to form a continuous piece of fabric. This project allows you to construct a beginner's sample using construction paper.

Materials Needed:

- Two 9" x 12" sheets of construction paper
- ■Glue (Elmer's glue)
- Ruler
- Pencil/Pen
- Scissors, trimmers, or shears

Directions:

- 1. Fold one sheet of paper horizontally.
- 2. Draw a line about one inch from the open end of the folded paper. This is the limit of cutting.
- 3. From the fold, make irregular cuts up to the line. Cuts need not be straight. (The irregular cuts make a more interesting finished product. *See Diagram A*.)
- 4. Unfold and lay it flat. This will serve as the "warp" and the "loom."
- 5. Measure and cut from the second sheet of paper, one-inch wide by nine-inch strips. These will serve as the "weft."
- 6. Begin by weaving one "weft thread" over one "warp thread" then under the next warp and over the next, etc. See Diagram B.
- 7. Continue this process alternating over and under with each weft thread. If the previous weft thread went under the warp thread, the following row will begin by going over the warp.

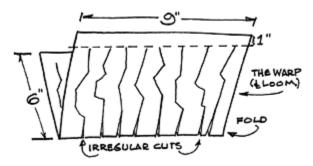
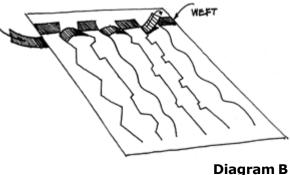


Diagram A



Weaver's Vocabulary

Weaving — The process of forming cloth or fabric on a loom by interlacing yarn or thread **Loom** — A frame for weaving yarn or thread into cloth or fabric.

Warp — Threads running lengthwise on the loom. The warp is placed on the loom prior to beginning the weaving process.

Weft — Threads that are weaved across the warp threads to form the web.

Web — The cloth or fabric produced by weaving.