



Textile Weaving

Learn how natural fibers create fabric for clothing and other goods.

Directions

1. Explain that weaving is a textile craft in which yarn or thread is interlaced to form a fabric. Discuss how weaving was done in the past versus how it is done in the present day.
2. Give each student a paper grid template. Fold in half and cut along the lines. Start from the folded end and be careful to stop where the line ends. Unfold.
3. Use multicolored yarn (1-2 yards per student) or strips of paper to weave by alternating over and under the paper grid.

Supplies

- Grid template, attached
- Yarn or strips of paper
- Scissors

Extension Ideas

- Once fibers have been woven to create fabric, they are often dyed. Demonstrate this through a tie-dye activity. You may choose to tie-dye white cotton t-shirts or bandanas. You can also talk about plant based dyes and experiment by creating your own.

