

Get weaving!

We're going to use sticks or straws to weave a pattern. Fun craft work also helps you hold a pen or pencil.

Read these instructions with your child and enjoy creating a piece of weaving using sticks, straws, ribbons and wool. Talk about what you are doing, for example, "Can you see how the ribbon is going **over** and **under**." This will help your child to understand these words.

What you need:

Paper straws, small sticks, netting, Duct tape or other strong tape. Bits of ribbon, wool and string. A chopping board, and a place mat or tray.



What you do:

1. First, place six straws or sticks on a board. Leave the same space between them. Stick tape **over** the top of the straws so they don't roll around.
2. Next, weave a ribbon **over** and **under** the straws. Then, weave another ribbon **under** and **over** the straws. Remember: weave one ribbon **over** and **under**, then the next ribbon **under** and **over** so it makes a pattern.



3. After that, keep weaving the ribbons until you are nearly at the end of the straws - see the last picture above...
4. Finally, put tape around the edges to make a frame.



Why not stick the weaving onto cardboard to create a picture and display them in your own art gallery. Ask your child to write their name on their woven work of art and think of a name for it, e.g. 'Rainbow dazzle'.

The link below shows you how to weave a rainbow bracelet

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFtDxFN_HpI