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HANDWOVEN PAPER MAT!

Weave yourself this jazzy paper mat to decorate your holiday table!

Supplies in kit

- 1 pre-lined piece of white paper
- 1 pre-cut brown paper mat



What you'll need from home

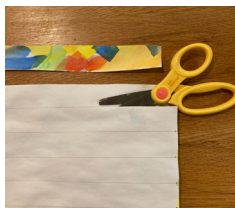
- colored markers, pencils, watercolors, or crayons
- glue stick or liquid school glue

Directions

1. Begin by applying color to the white sheet of paper on the side that has no lines. Use whatever coloring supplies you have on hand. Maybe try mixing them up! I used watercolor paint. The paper needed to be **completely dry** before moving to the next step.

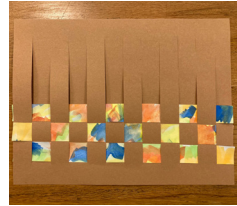
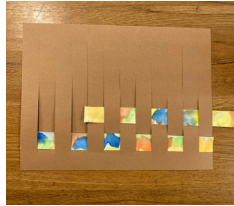


2. Next, turn over the paper and cut along the lines to make the long strips to be used for the weaving.



3. Carefully slide the first paper strip of paper **over** and **under** each "slat" of the brown paper mat, as pictured. Notice the second strip of paper is inserted **under** then **over** the slats.

Alternating back and forth as you weave the paper into the mat creates a checkerboard pattern!



4. When you have woven in as many paper strips as will fit, add a little dab of glue to the end pieces to hold them in place. Your fancy table mat is now complete and ready to take center stage on your holiday table!



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