Weaving is the interlacing of two sets of threads to form cloth. Weaving is usually done on a loom.

One set of threads is called the warp. These threads are vertical and go up and down on the loom. The weft thread is woven over and under the warp threads to make cloth.

We will learn how to weave by using paper strips.

**Step 1**

For this project you will need two different colors of paper cut into 1" wide strips. That's it!

Use a ruler to keep your strips even.

**Step 2**

Lay all of the strips of the same color next to each other on a flat surface. It may be helpful to use masking tape at the top of the strips to hold them together. In weaving, these strips would be called the warp threads.

**Step 3**

Now, weave over and under with the other color strip of paper. This would be the weft thread.
Add strips over and under. When you finish a row, push your slits close together. This is called beating the weft.

Continue weaving additional strips - back and forth until you have used all of your strips.

If you want, you can turn your weaving over and tape the back so that your strips don't slip.

What will you use your finished weaving for? It could be a placemat. Or, turn it into a card and mail it to a friend!

For more fun, vary the length of your strips and the thickness of them. Play with colors, maybe alternate between three or four colors.