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PAPER WEAVING

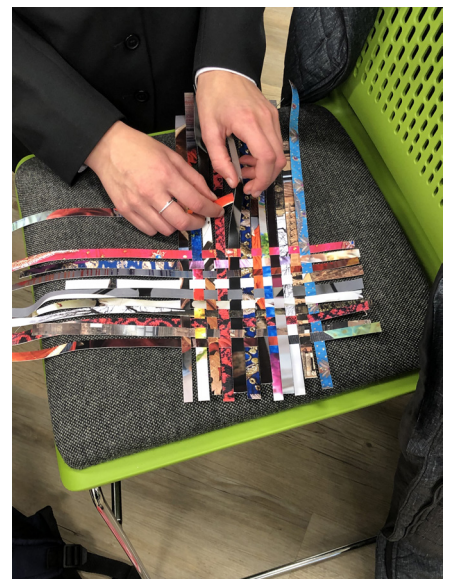
ACTIVITY:

On a piece of paper, draw a mind map and write about all the things you are grateful for. You can draw some of these things but make sure you can also describe them in at least one word.

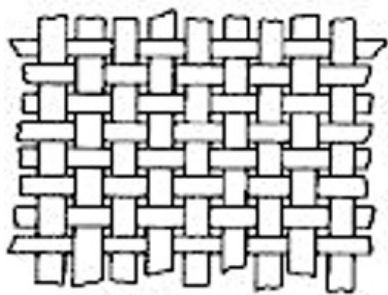
Gather Magazines, leaflets and any scrap paper you can find around the house. Along with your mind maps, cut up the materials you have gathered into strips of 1-2cm wide.

1.
Place 4 strips, vertically, in front of you. This forms the warp, one of the two components used in weaving.
2.
Take a strip to weave in horizontally. This forms your weft.
Together the warp and weft are woven together to form your final product. The weft strip will go in over the first strip, under the second, over the third and finally under the fourth. You have now woven your first strip.
3.
You repeat the same action with the next strip but remember to alternate the pattern. As we began going over the first strip, we will now go under the first, over the second, under the third and over the fourth.
This pattern is called a Plain Weave.
4.
Continue to repeat the pattern – making sure you are alternating, or your strips will fall apart. Tighten your strips as you go along to avoid any gaps. Continue to add an alternating strip into the warp and weft to ensure you have an even number of strips on both sides.
5.
Turn over your woven piece and tape the back to ensure the strips don't fall out of the edges.

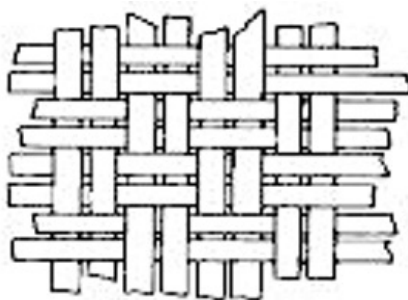
You have completed a woven piece out of all the things you are grateful for.



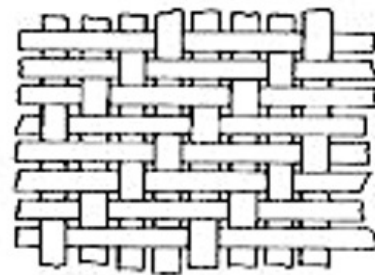
You can now repeat the same steps, but instead of alternating under and over each strip, try one of the patterns below.



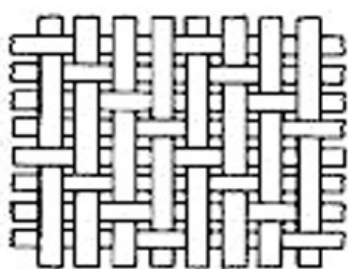
Plain weave



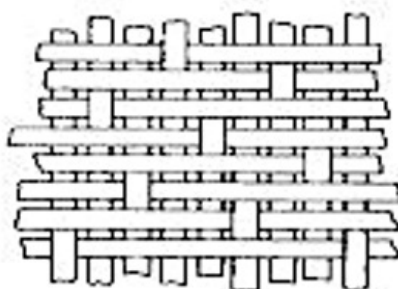
Basket weave



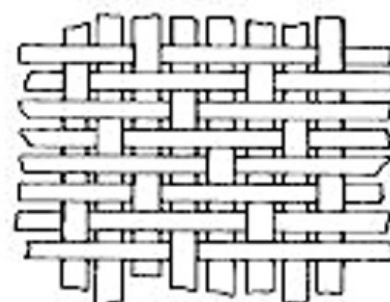
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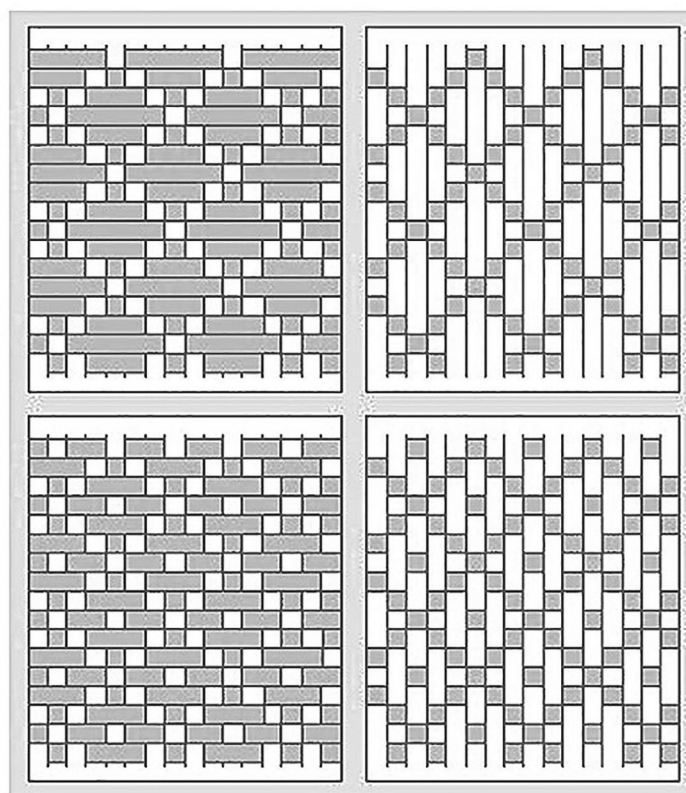
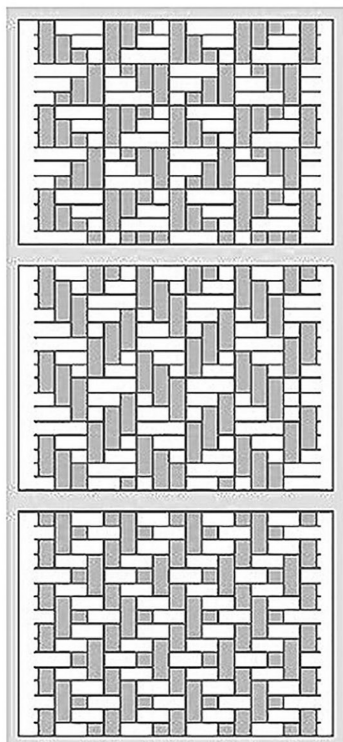
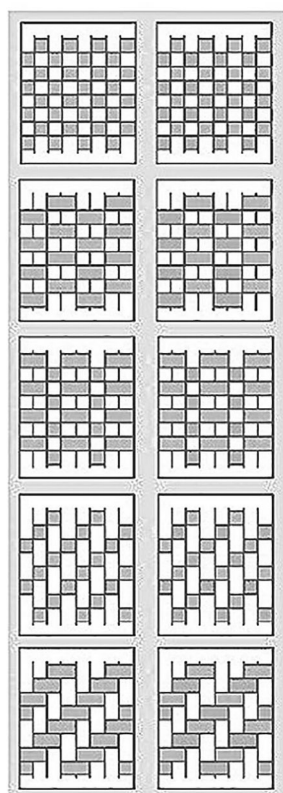
Crowfoot satin



8 harness satin



5 harness satin



Yellow is my favourite colour so I associate that with being happy.

differentiate between the Warp and Weft.)

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This activity links an artwork created by Nilupa Yasmin and students that is installed at Arrow Vale RSA Academy in Redditch for the Contemporary Art Space project, a partnership between RSA Academies and Iniva, 2019 – 2021.

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