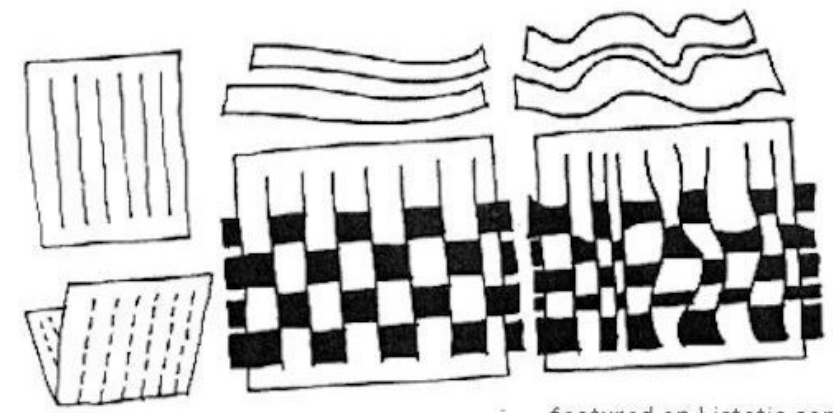


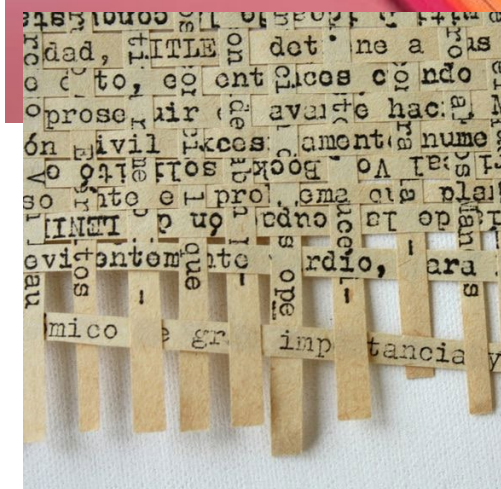
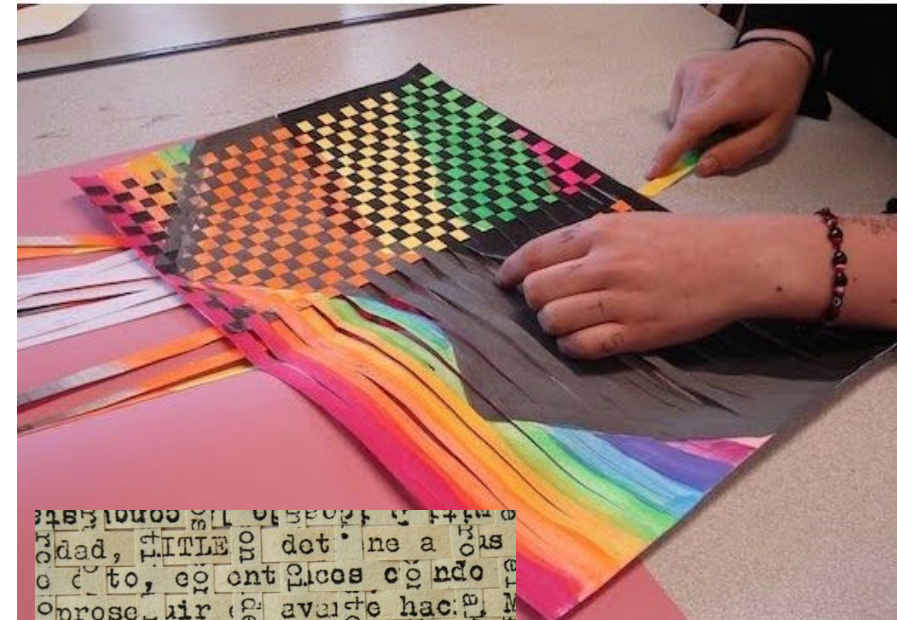
Paper Weaving

Use the images here to produce a simple paper weaving.

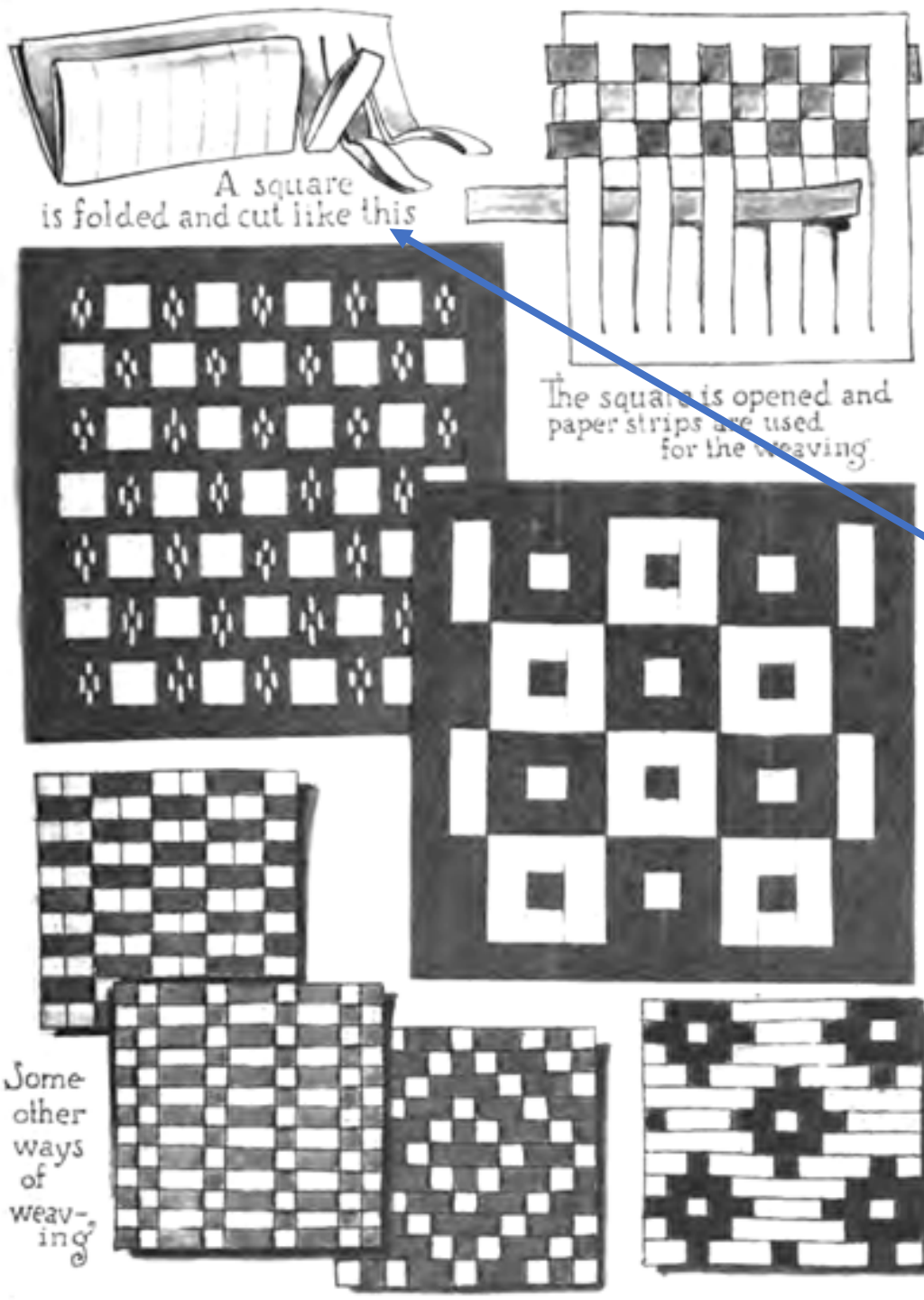
- 1) Fold a piece of paper in half and again so it's in quarters.
- 2) Use a ruler and draw a series of straight lines along the paper.
- 3) Neatly cut along the lines with scissors. Cut a second sheet of paper into strips (use a ruler again to make sure each strip is the same width and are straight lines).
- 4) Open up the folded sheet of paper and thread the strips through the slits.
- 5) Alternate your rows, going over and under with the strips of paper.



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Explore different sorts of paper, and try weaving with uneven widths of paper.



Paper weaving

Welcome to your first task as textiles students!!

L.O. Today you will learn about woven fabrics through exploring its structure in paper.

Weaving and knitting

The most common fabrics used in clothing manufacture are either woven or knitted, and have noticeable differences. Woven fabrics don't stretch unless the yarns have been made with elastane fibres. Knitted fabrics do stretch, even if they are made from yarns that contain fibres that have little or no elasticity.

Woven fabrics

Woven fabrics are produced on a loom by interlocking yarns lying in a vertical (warp) and a horizontal (weft) direction. Weft yarns are woven over and under warp yarns, and where the weft yarns loop back to form an edge that doesn't fray, it is called the selvedge. When cut, woven fabrics will fray.

Task - Create a weaving sample (using the instructions attached) making sure that your strips of paper follow the structure of weaving (under, over, under, over etc).

Extension - Try using strips of ripped up carrier bags, wool or fabric.

Or try varying the pattern (under 2, over 1, under 2, over 1) and see which different effects you can create.

Think about using really thin strips so the weave is very small.