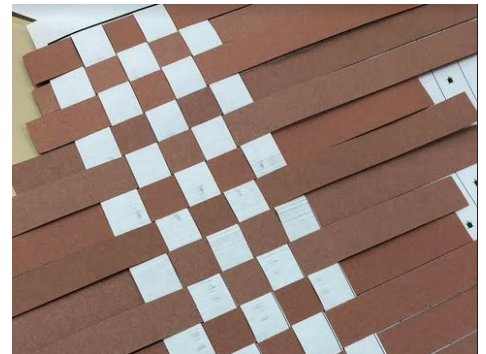
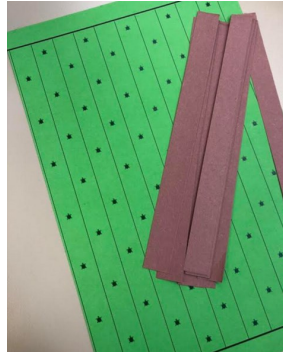


# PAPER WEAVING

Choctaw Indians used river cane to weave baskets for everyday use such as storing food, carrying items and trapping animals during hunts. Many women used natural dyes to add color and patterns to their baskets.

## You will need:

- Colored paper (recommend 2 different colors) for:
  - Paper weaving base (page 2)
  - Paper strips (page 3)
- Scissors



## Instructions:

1. Print the paper weaving base (page 2) and the paper strips (page 3) on colored paper. If possible, use a different color for each.
2. Cut along the dotted vertical lines of the paper weaving base. DO NOT CUT THE SOLID LINES. When you are done cutting, you want to have a solid paper border with open slits to weave through.
3. On page 3, cut along the solid lines entirely until the entire page is in strips.
4. Thread the paper strips through the paper weaving base so that the turtles are covered with the paper strip. Repeat this until you have covered all the turtles. This is the basic foundation of weaving!

## Practice More Weaving...

Remove the strips and weave an original pattern. Using supplies at home, do you think you could make a basket type of structure?



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