

CHRISTMAS PAPER WEAVING

- Select two contrasting coloured sheets of A4 paper or preferably card. Get pupils to think of Christmas colours – red/green is the obvious choice but are there others?
- Place one sheet portrait-wise in front of you. Fold this sheet in half. Cut strips into this sheet from the closed end 2cm apart as far as a line 2cm from the top. (See Step 1 below)
- Re-open the sheet into portrait orientation and flatten out.
- Place second sheet of coloured A4 paper in a portrait orientation on the table. Measure horizontal lines on this sheet 2cm apart and cut into strips. (See Step 2 below)
- Weave these strips into the first sheet in an under-over fashion. If you start first strip "under-over", start the second strip "over-under" and so on with the remaining strips. Push the strips close together so that they "knit" together and keep the sheet tight. You should end up with a pattern of 2cm squares. The ends of the strips can be secured using Pritt Stick.
- Mount paper weavings onto sugar paper of a complimentary colour and display.

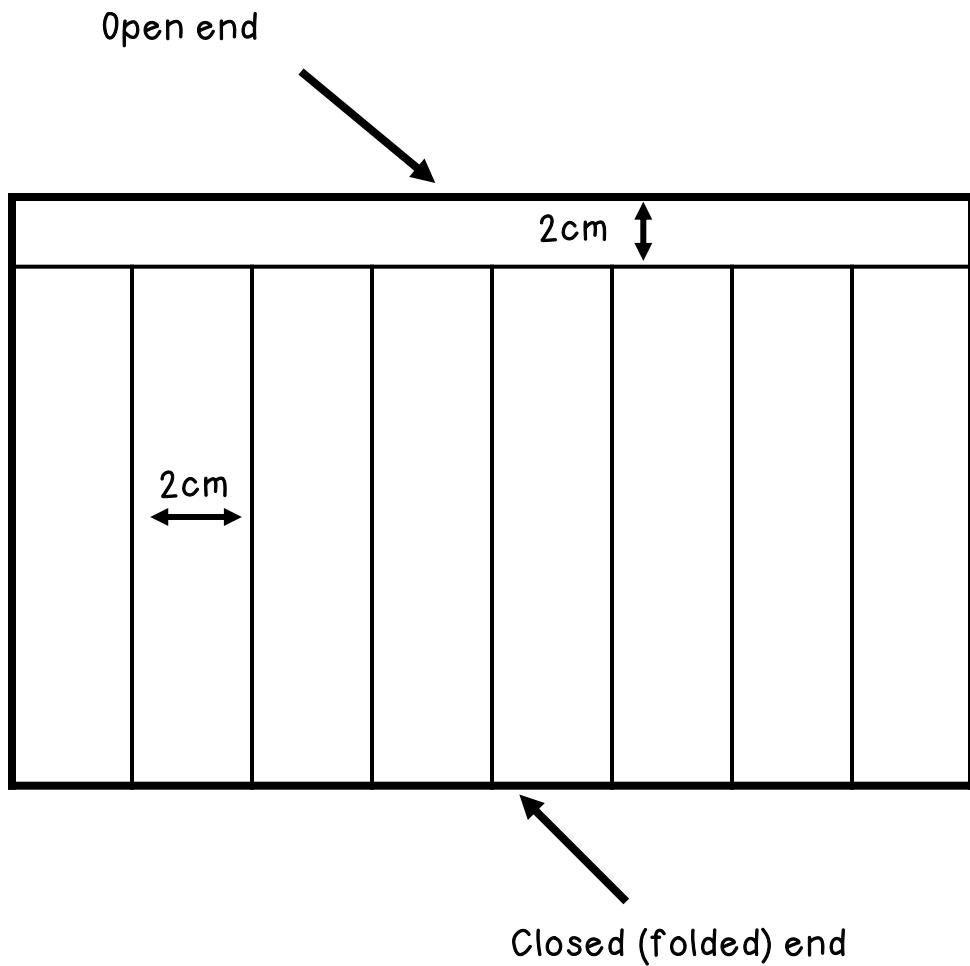
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Variations

- Try cutting the lines on the first sheet of paper in a zig-zag fashion and weave as before.
- Try cutting the strips of the second sheets in a zig-zag pattern and weave as before.
- Try cutting both the first and second sheets in a zig-zag pattern and weave as before.
- Try cutting using Tilly scissors and see what results.

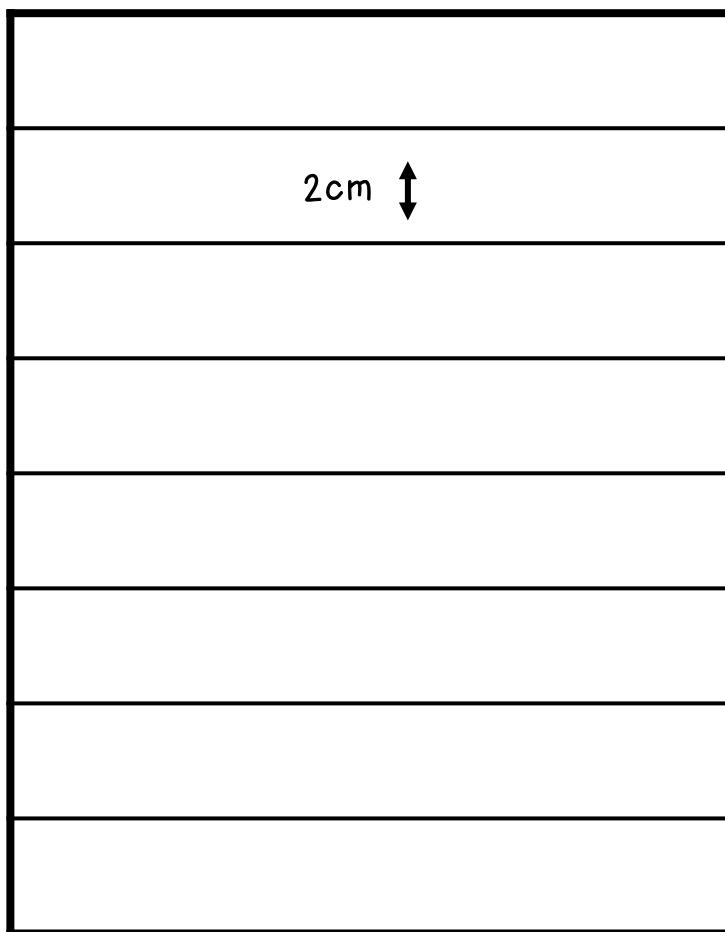
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Step 1



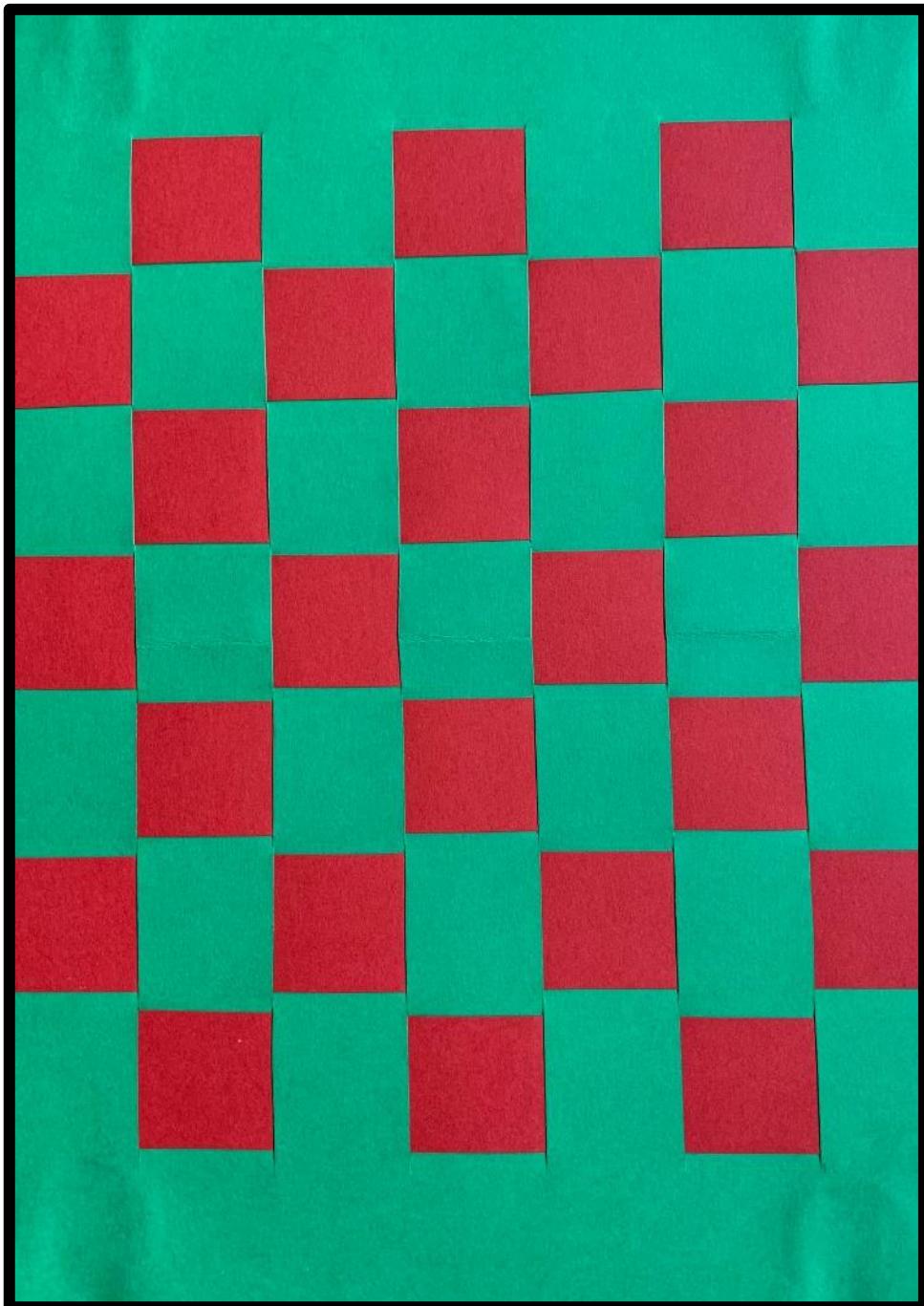
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Step 2



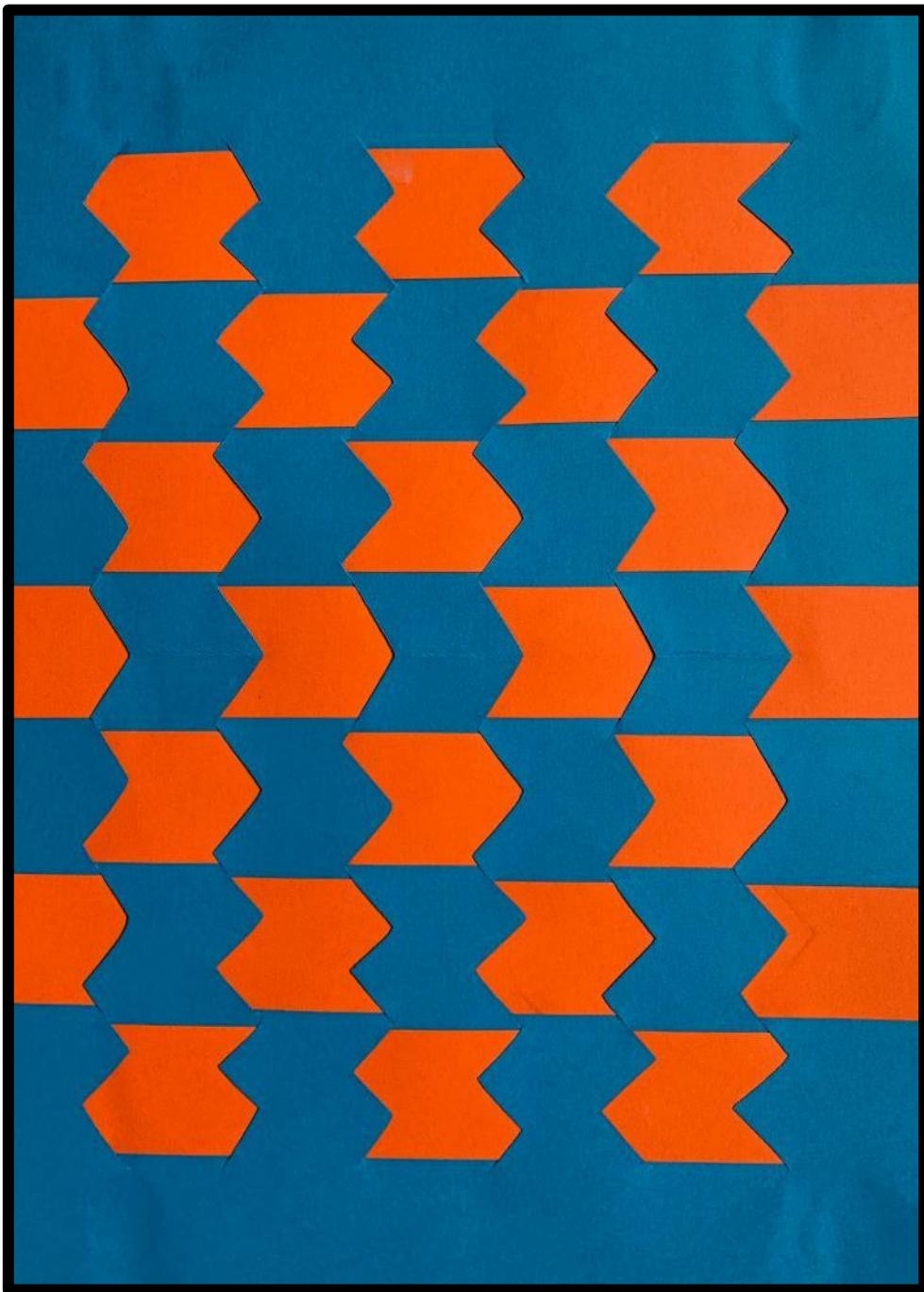
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Sample 1



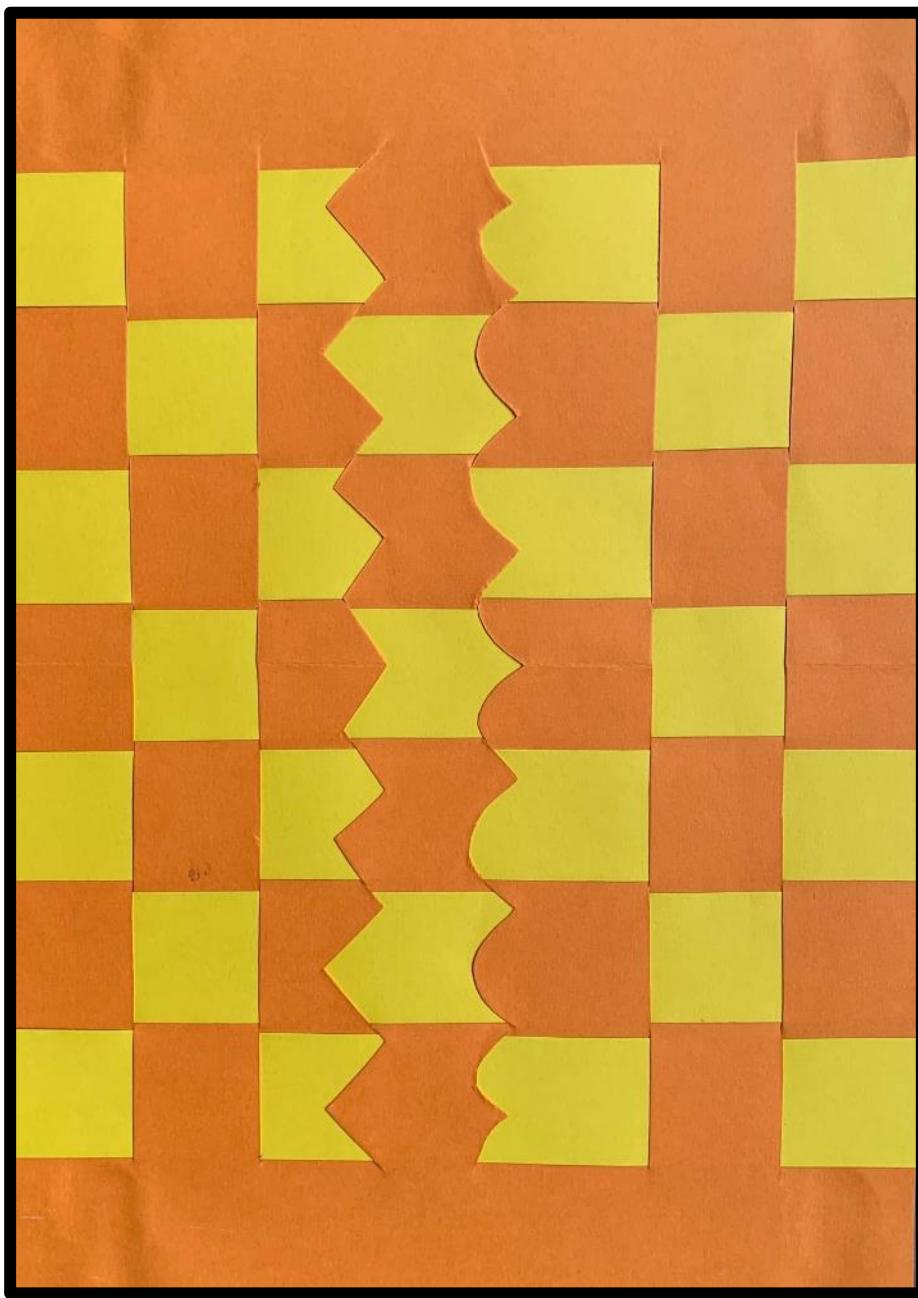
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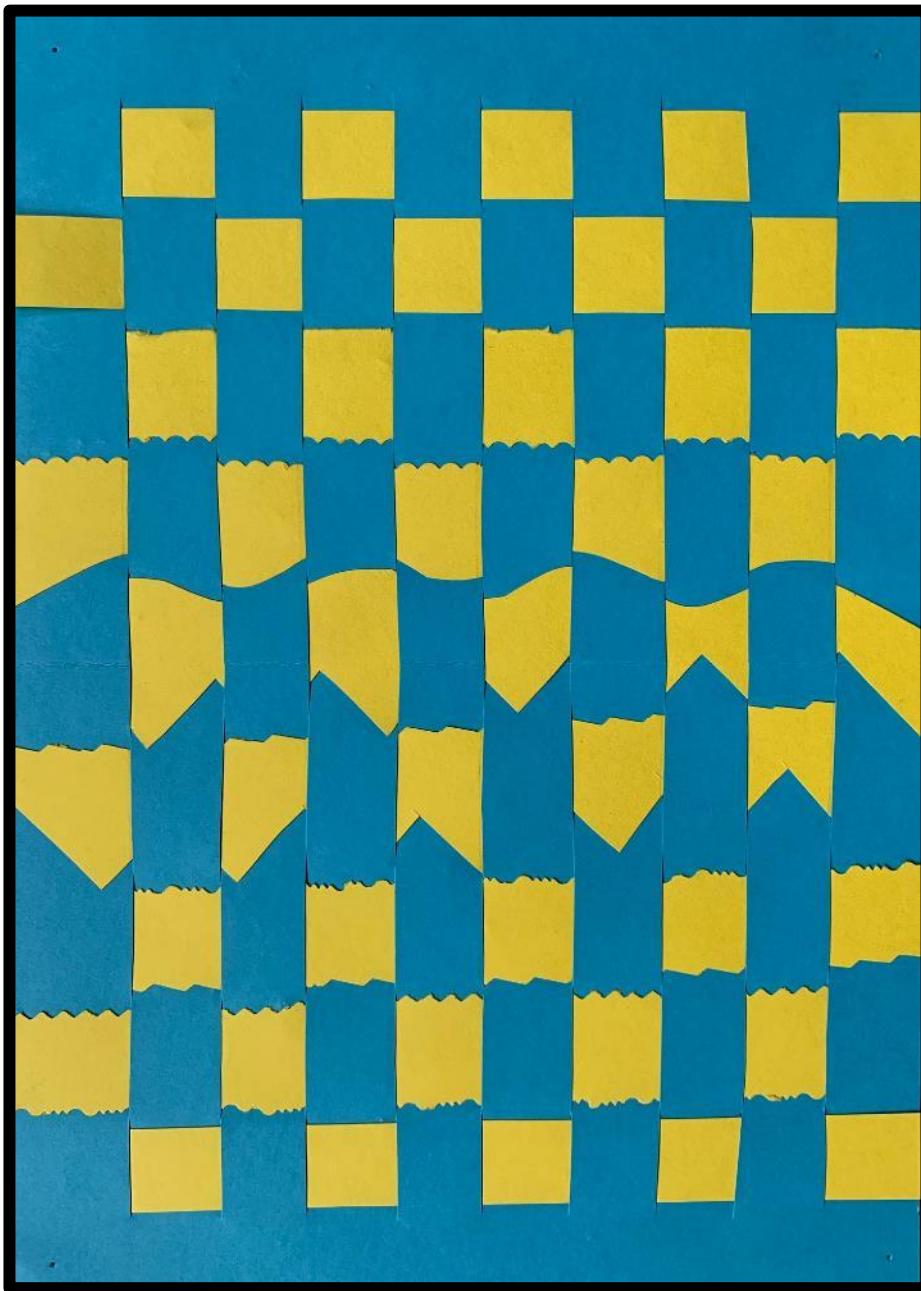
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Sample 3



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Sample 4



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