

# Art Exploration

## WOVEN PAPER FISH



Make a colorful fish by weaving scraps of paper to make scales!

### Materials Provided:

Fish Template,  
Printed on Cardstock  
Colored Scraps

### Materials Needed:

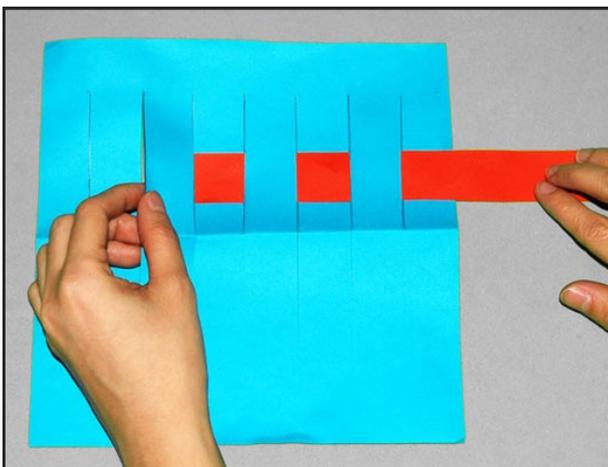
Crayons, Markers  
Glue

# Instructions:

1. Your fish template has been provided for you. To begin, you'll need to cut openings for the scales. To do this, keep your fish folded in half and use scissors (with permission) to cut a number of straight lines along the body of your fish, as seen below:



2. Now, unfold your fish. Using the colored stripes in your kit, weave them through these new openings. Place the strip inside the first opening, behind it, and back through the other side. Alternate going back and forth until you create a pattern. An example (of a different project) is shown below:



3. Once you've finished, choose another stripe and do the same thing right next to the first one! To create a "weave" pattern, start this strip by going behind the openings you placed the first strip in front of, and vice versa. This will give you a checker pattern.



4. Continue to weave your strips until you've covered the fish's body. Then, you can glue down the ends on either side to hold them in place. If you'd like to trip the ends, you can cut right along the outline of your fish. Otherwise, leave the ends showing to create the look of fins sticking out (as shown above).
5. Decorate the rest of your fish! Use markers, crayons or paper to add extra shapes to the tail and body, color an eye, and you're done!

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