

Thinking with your hands

Exploring pattern, shape and form
with everyday materials.

"Play is our
brains
favourite
way of
learning"

DREAM &
MAKE

Ideas for young
artists

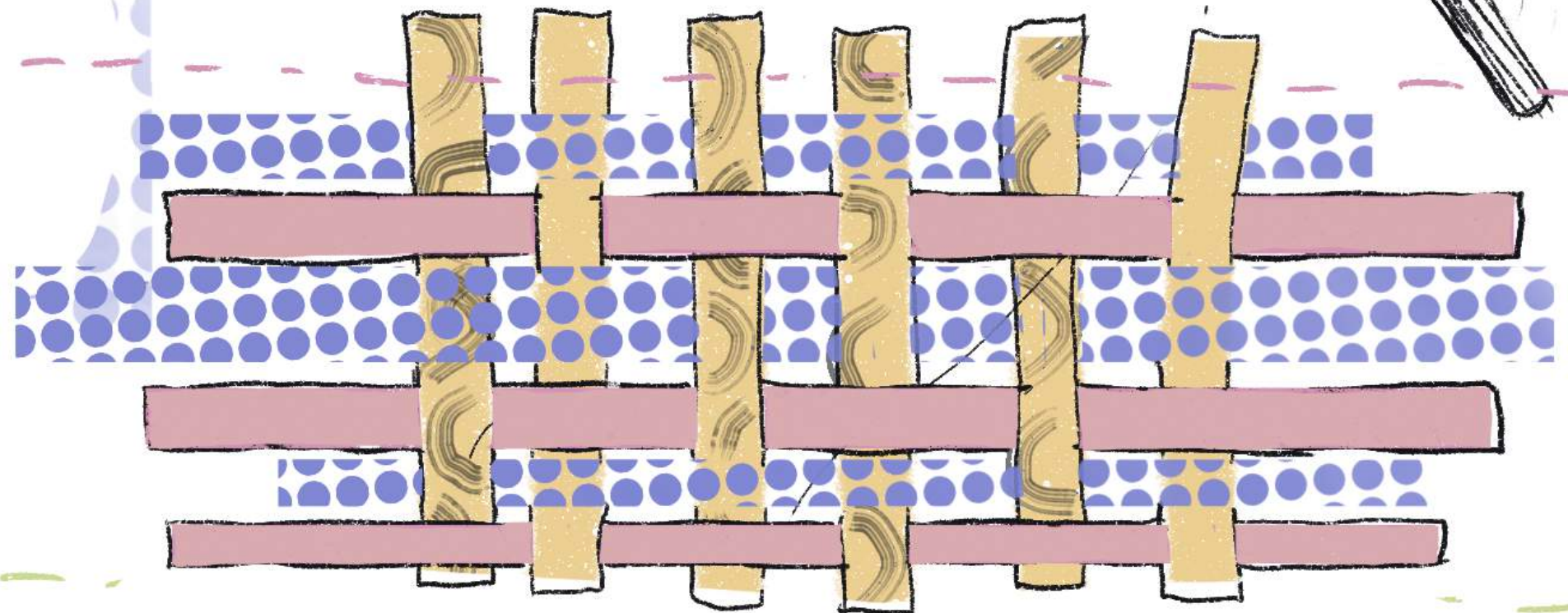
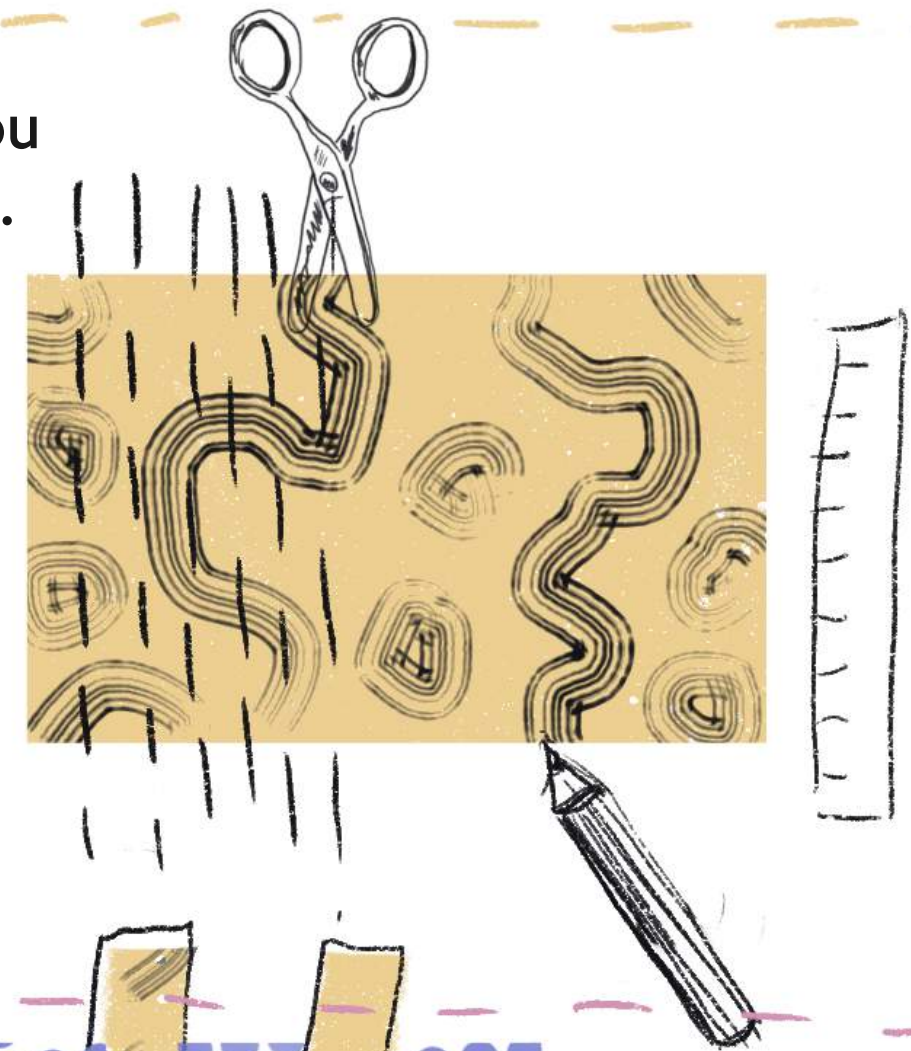
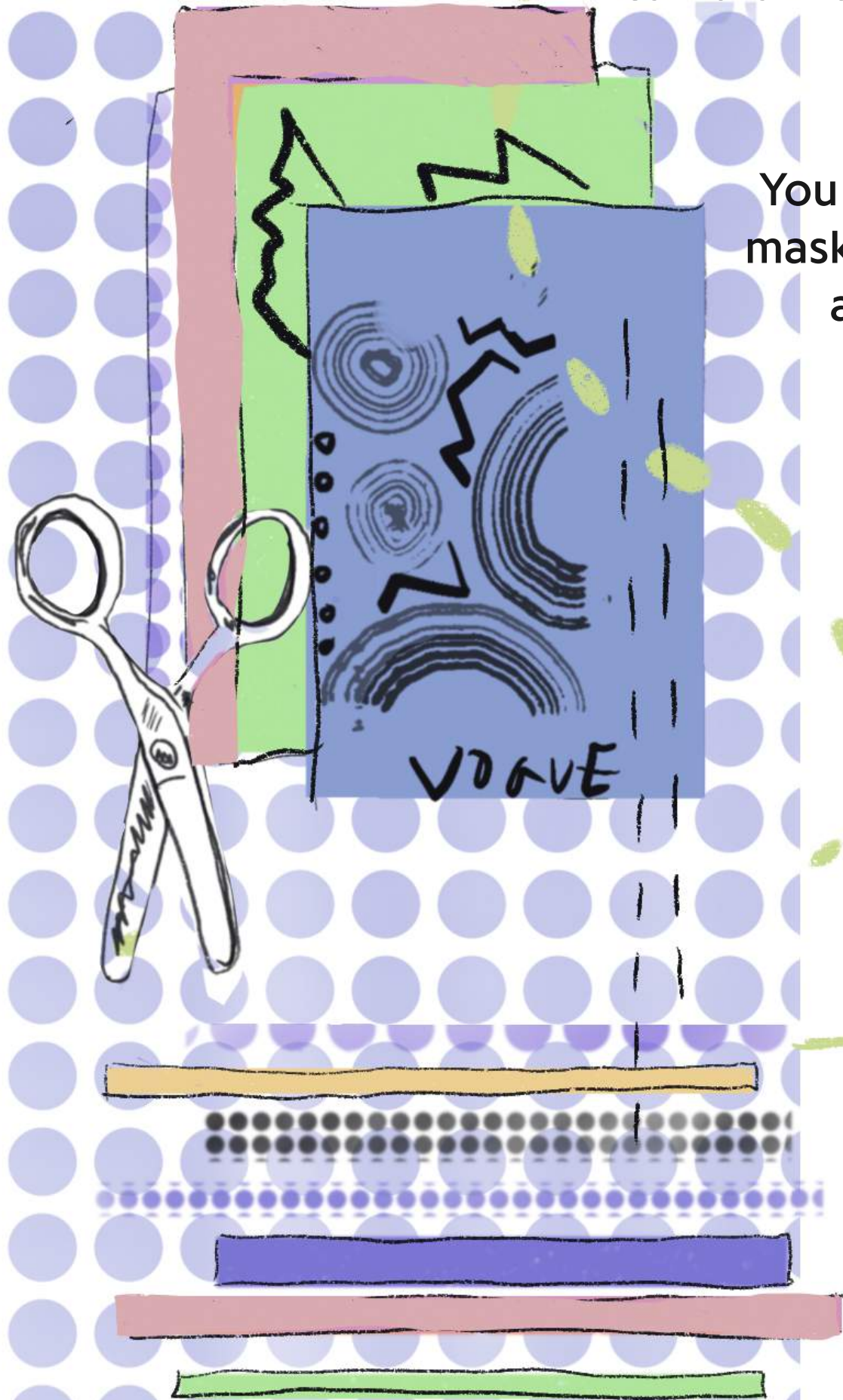
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In this series of Dream & Make activities we explore weaving

You can use old magazine images, coloured paper, or you can draw out your own patterned paper to weave with.

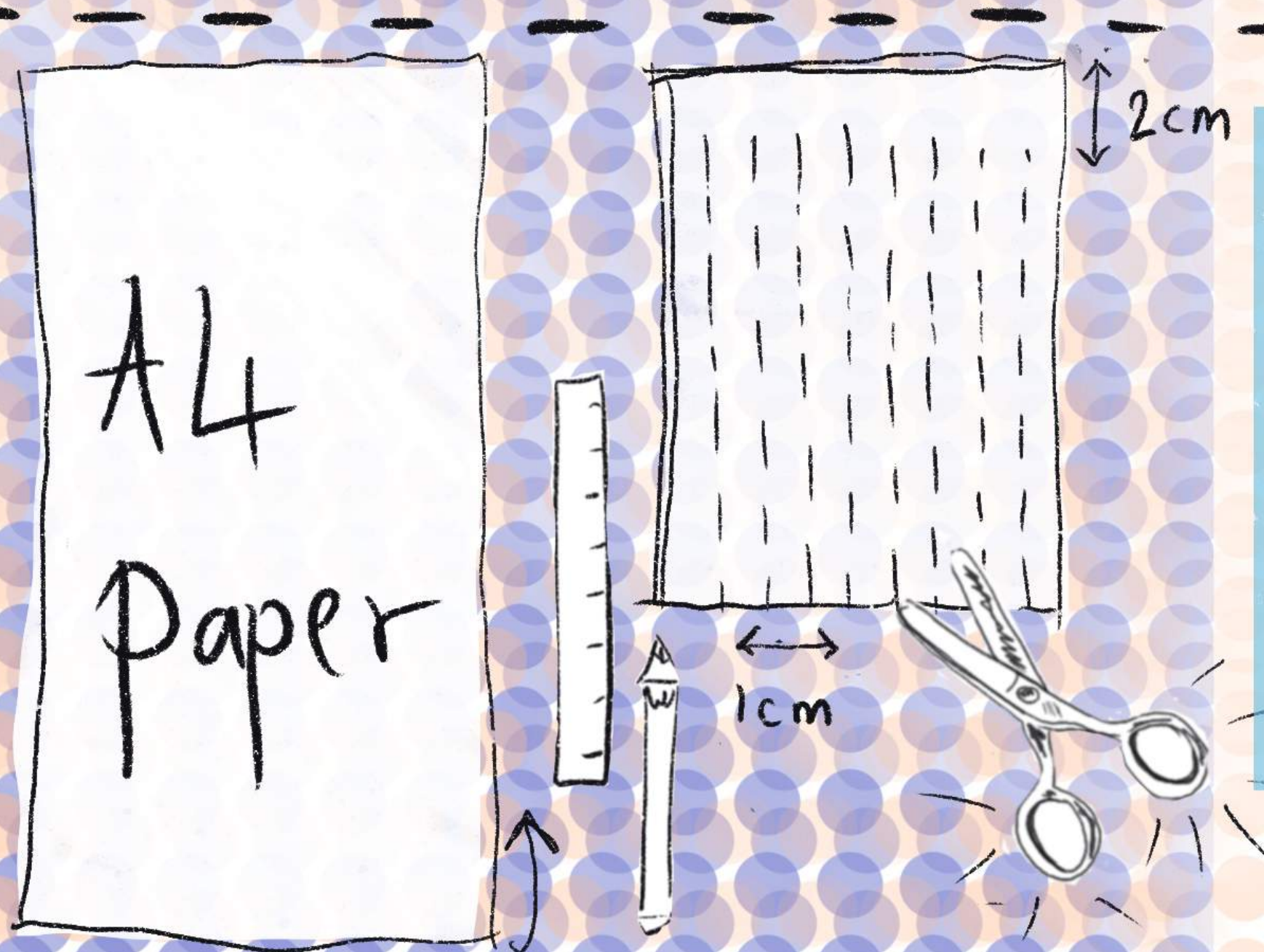
You will need scissors, a ruler, pencil, and some masking tape. For younger artists, you may need an adult to help when using the scissors.



Using your coloured and patterned paper, carefully cut 1cm width strips. You can experiment with larger and smaller width strips too but this is a good size to start with.

You are now ready to start weaving!

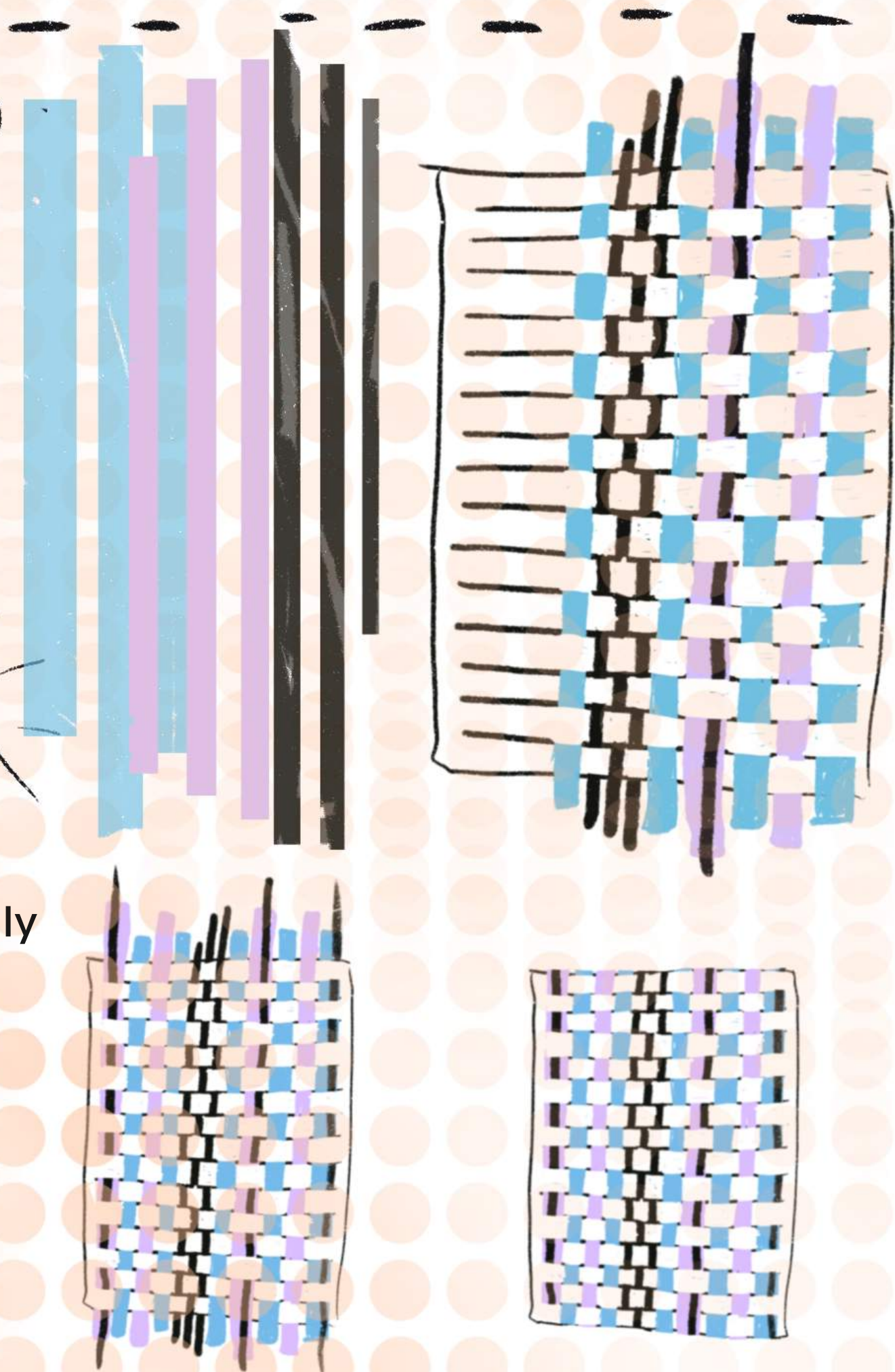
How to make a simple paper weave



Fold your A4 paper in half, draw lines 1cm apart and carefully cut along these, leaving a 2cm gap at the top.

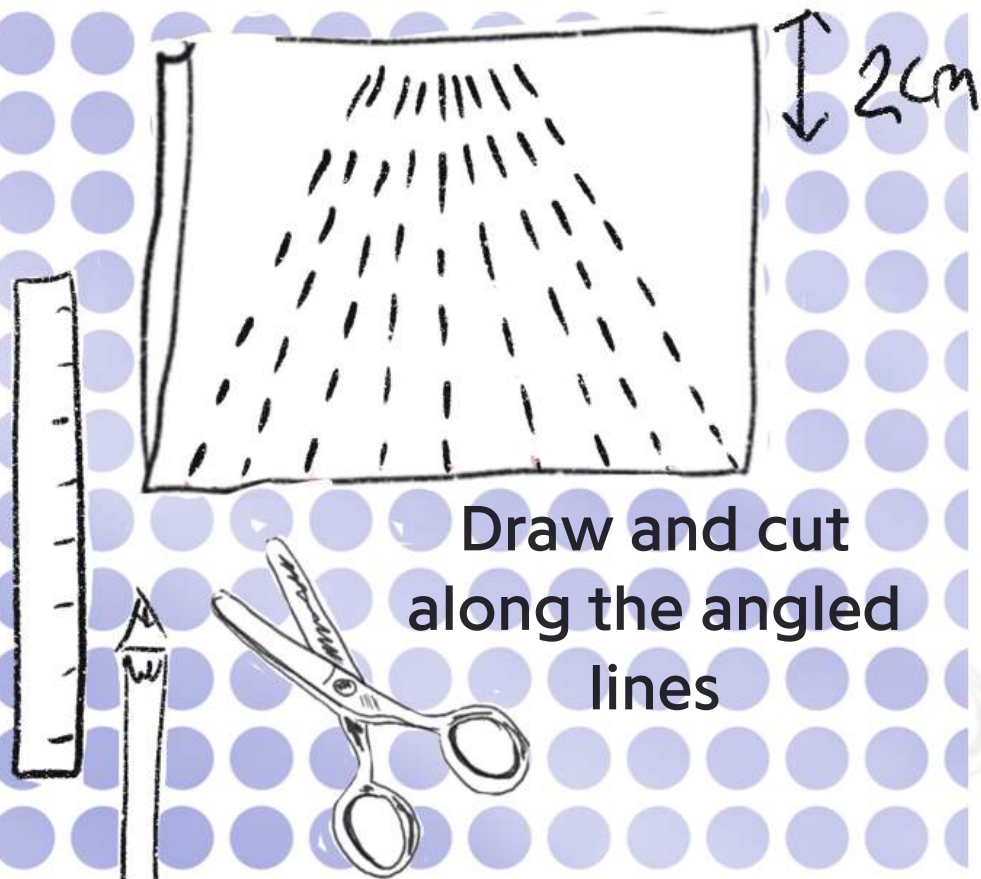
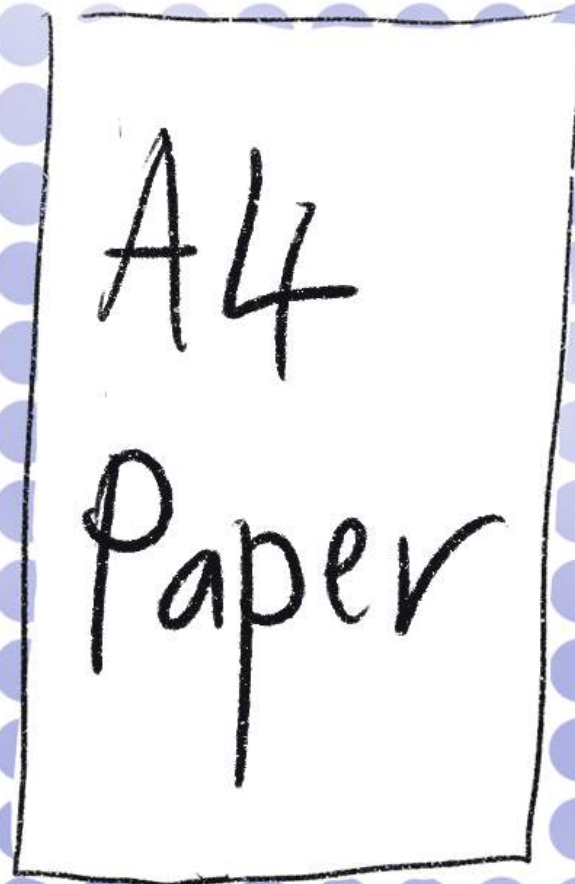


Open out your paper...



... and start weaving your strips in and out!

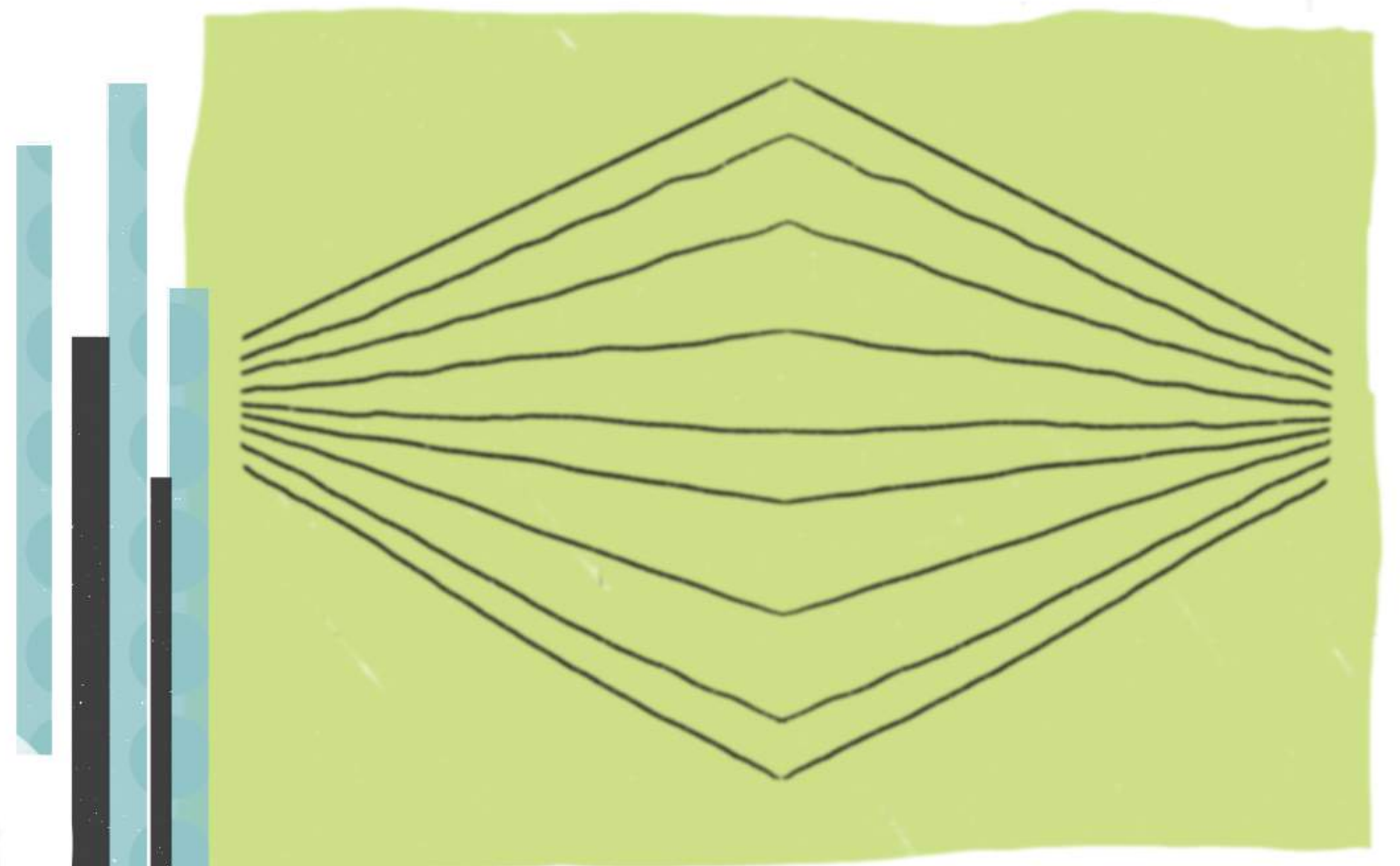
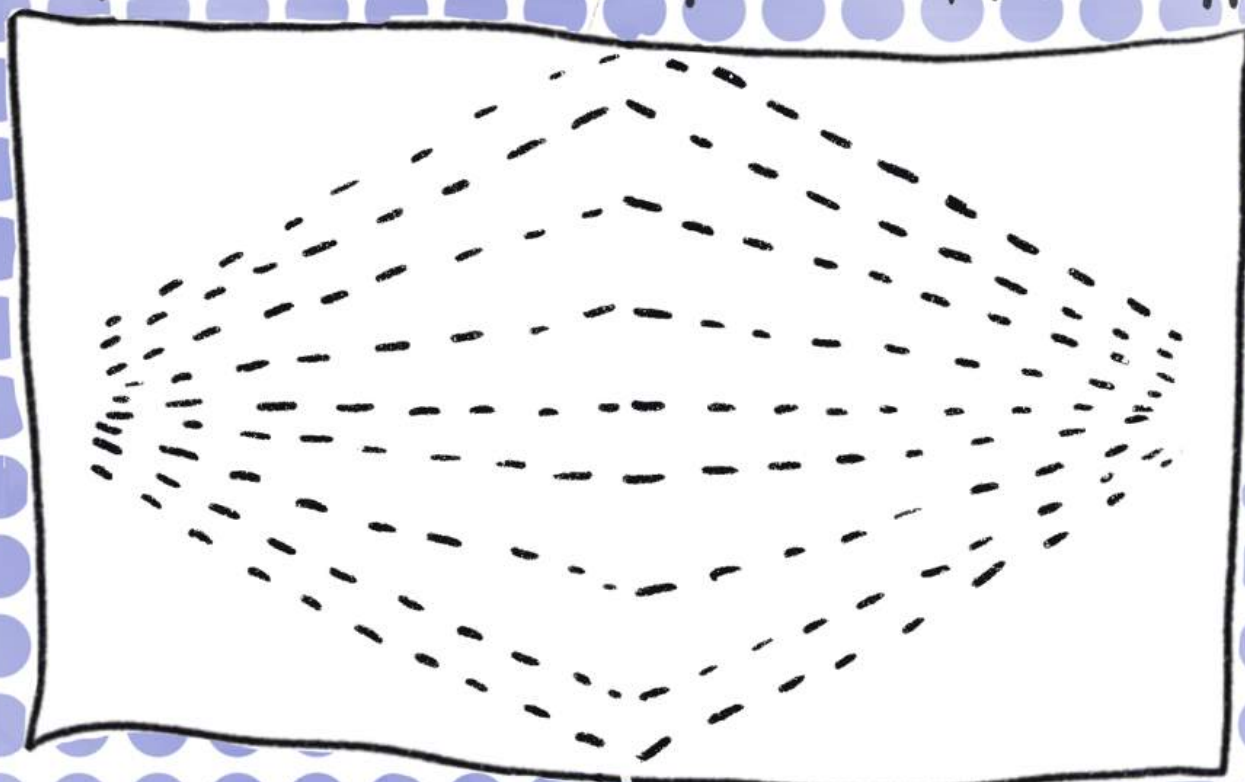
Create an op art weave



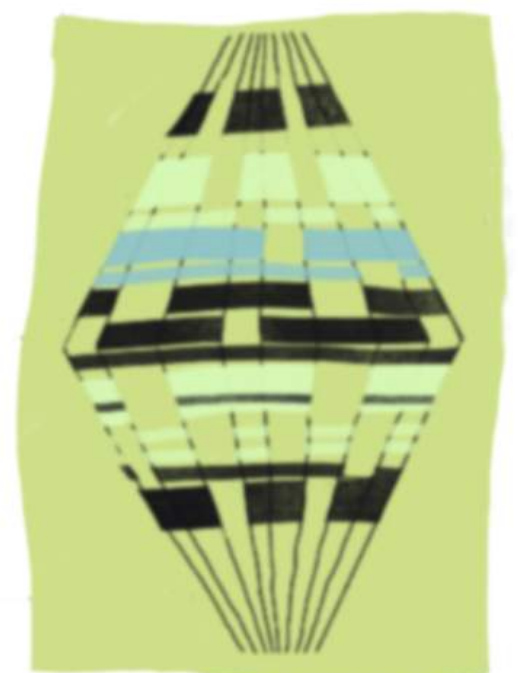
Draw and cut
along the angled
lines



* op art, short for optical art. Is a style
of visual art that uses optical illusions.

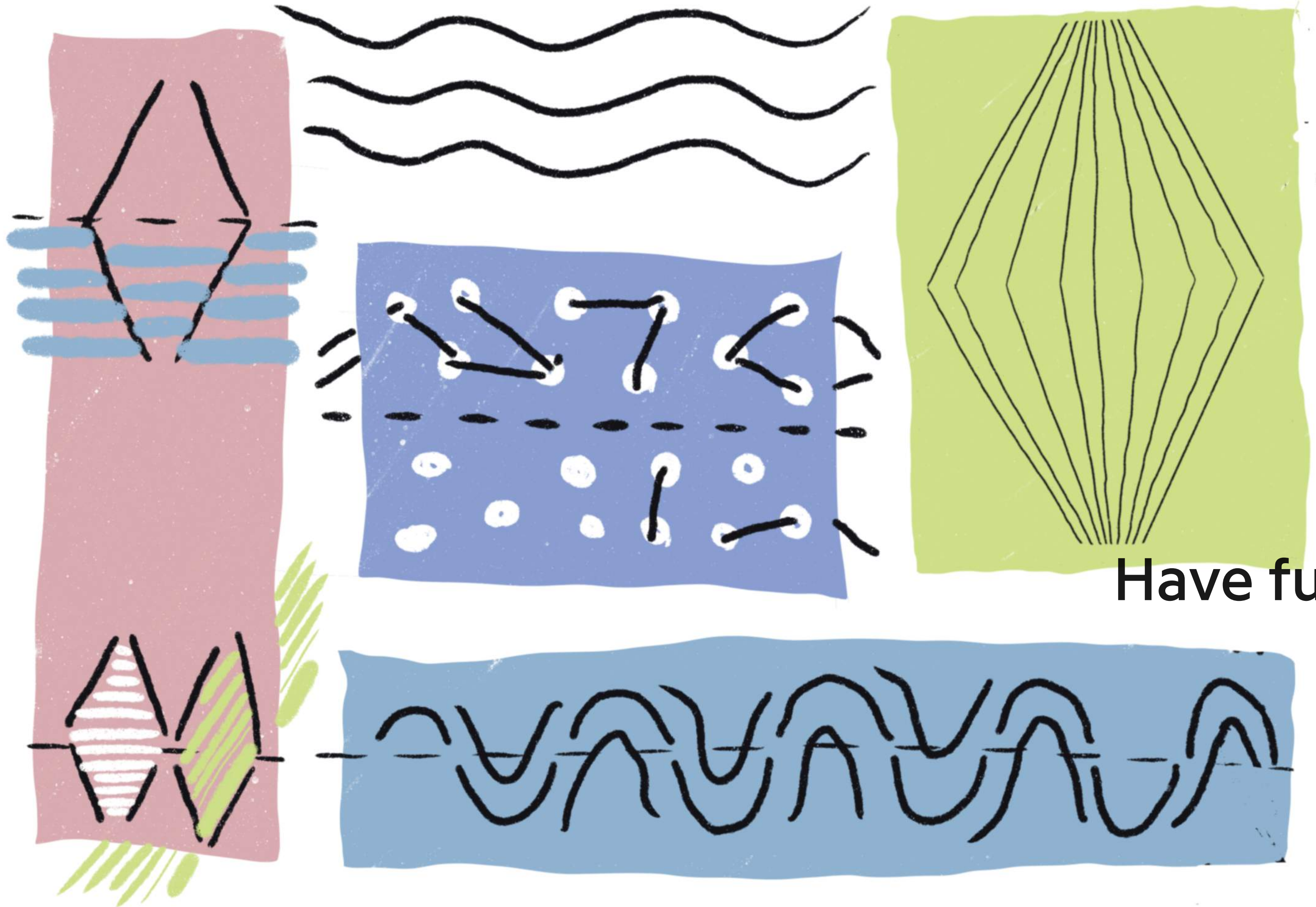


This is a fun activity to experiment with different
shapes in your weaving...



... watch as your weaving turns into
an optical illusion

Play with different shapes and materials...

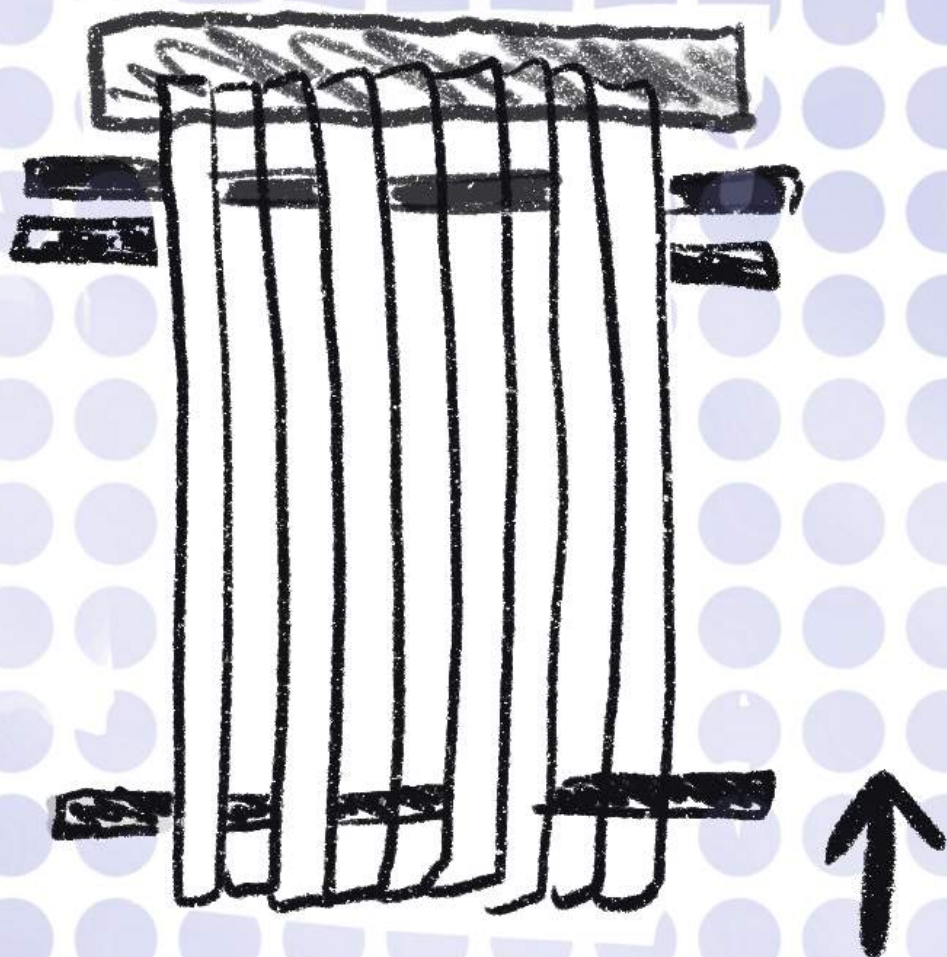


Have fun!

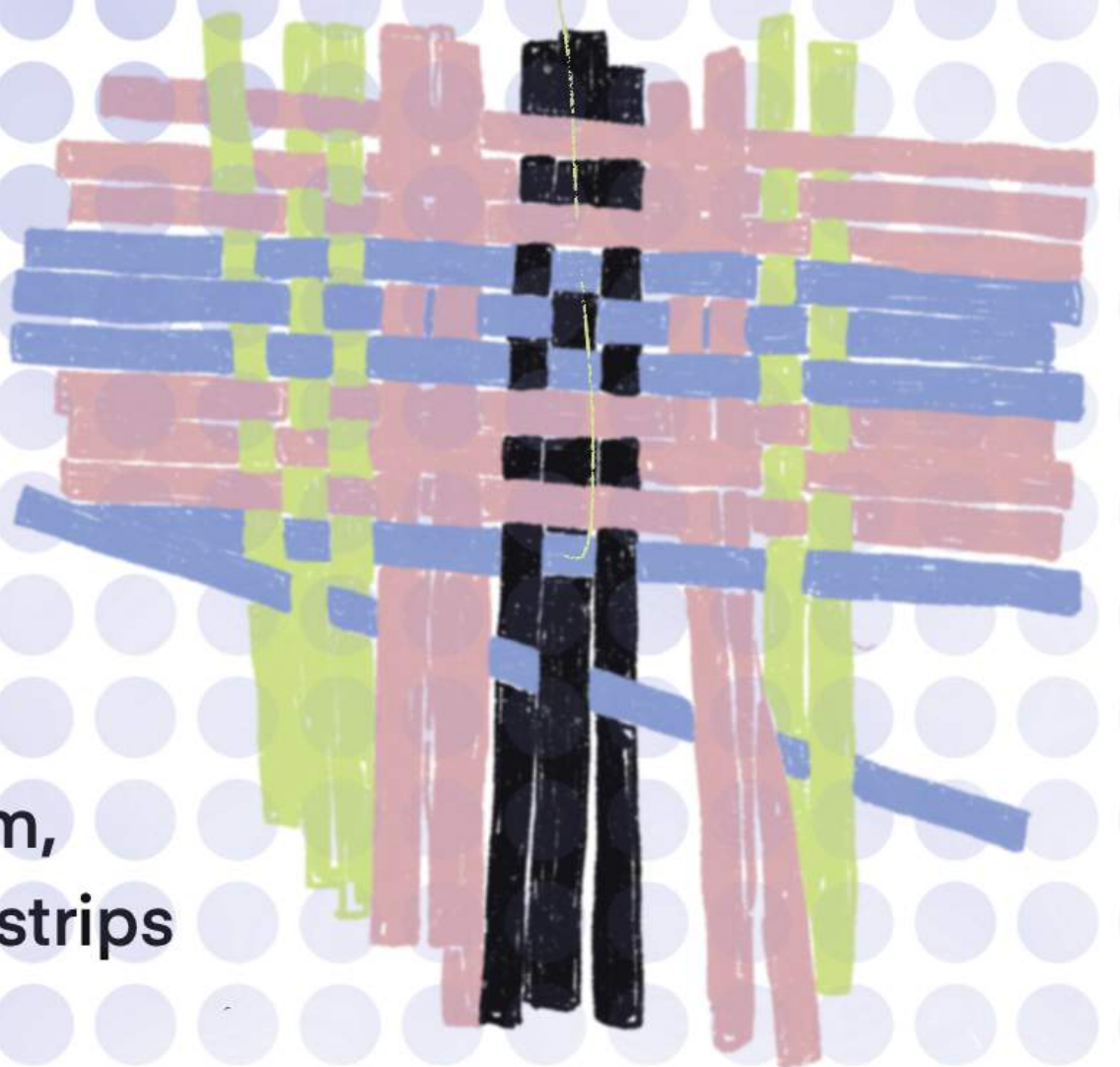
This technique allows you to experiment more with pattern and colour as you can change colours in each direction.



Line up your strips and stick down at the top with masking tape.



Move the strips from the bottom, upwards. Makes working with the strips easier!



Could you
make your
weaving
bigger or 3D?



Look at everyday objects differently



the possibilities are endless!