

Let's make a Paper Loom!



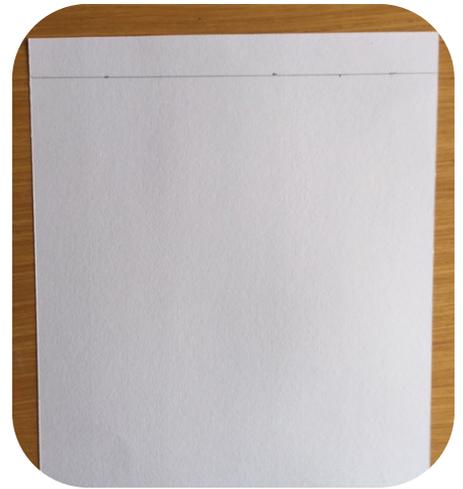
We need:

- A4 white card
- A4 coloured card or A4 coloured paper
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- A helpful adult

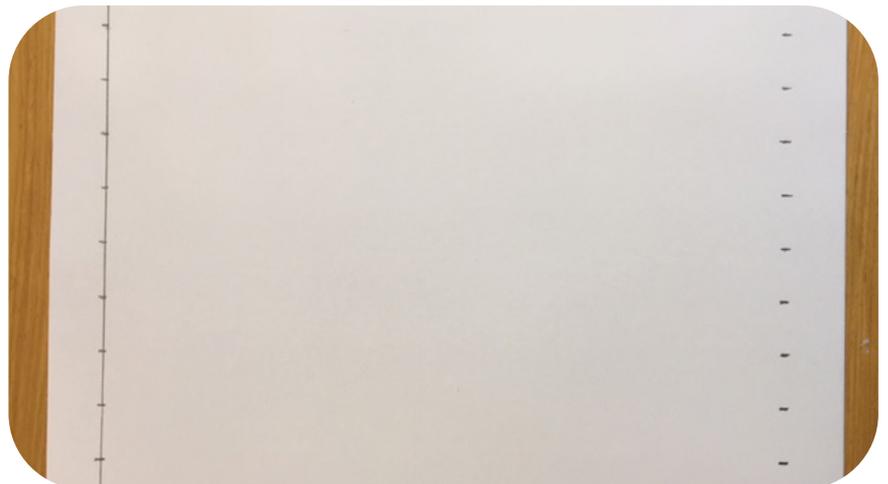


Let's begin:

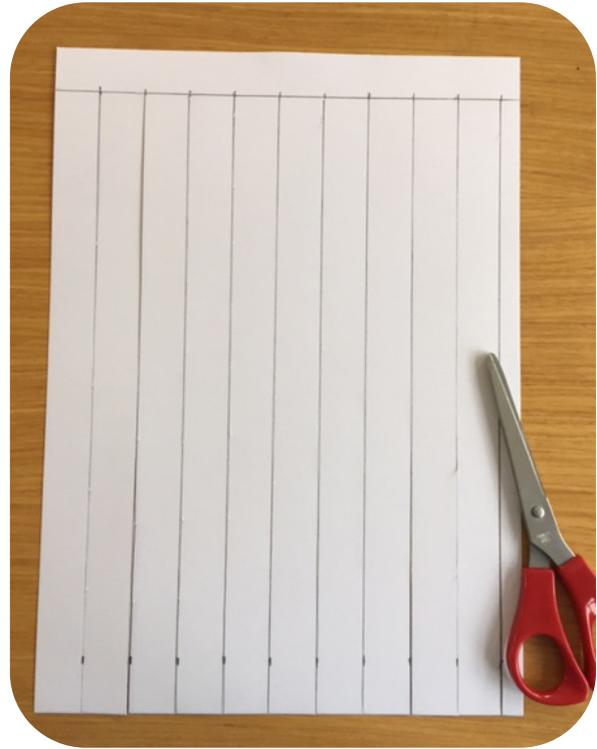
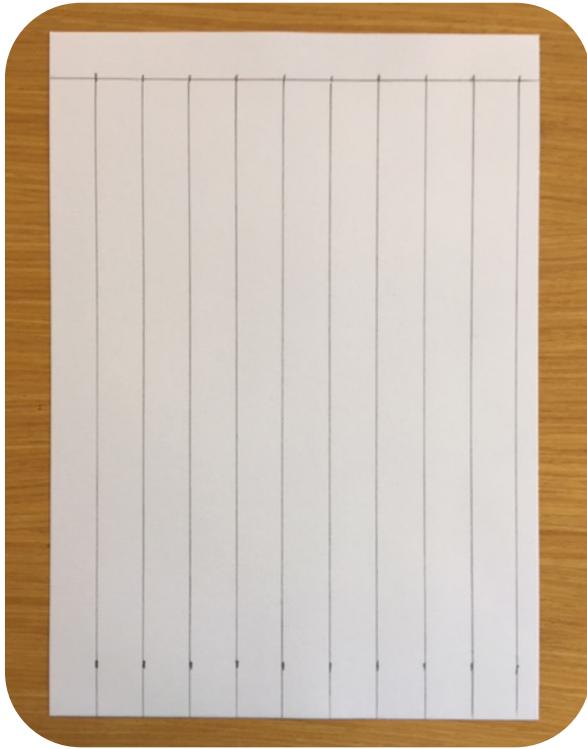
1. First make the paper loom. Take the A4 white card. Measure 2 cm from the edge of the short side and draw a line.



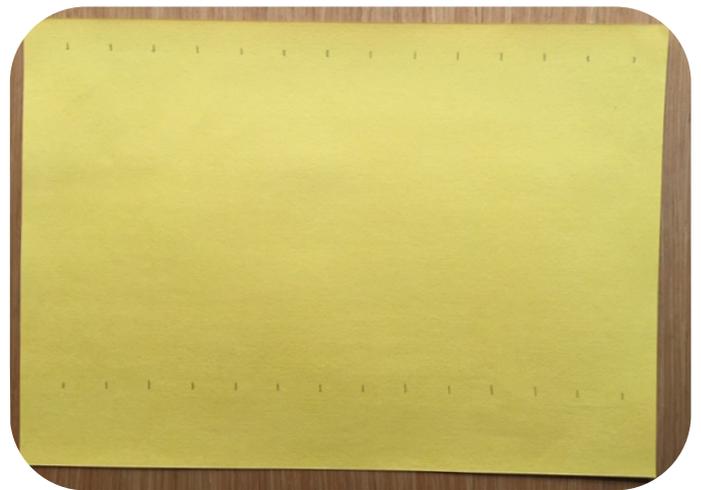
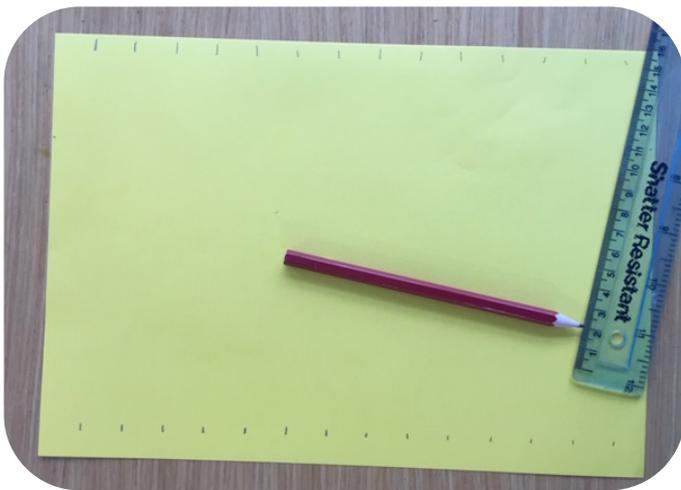
2. Measure and make a mark at 2 cm intervals along this line. Then measure and make marks at 2 cm intervals along the bottom of the card so the marks are opposite each other.



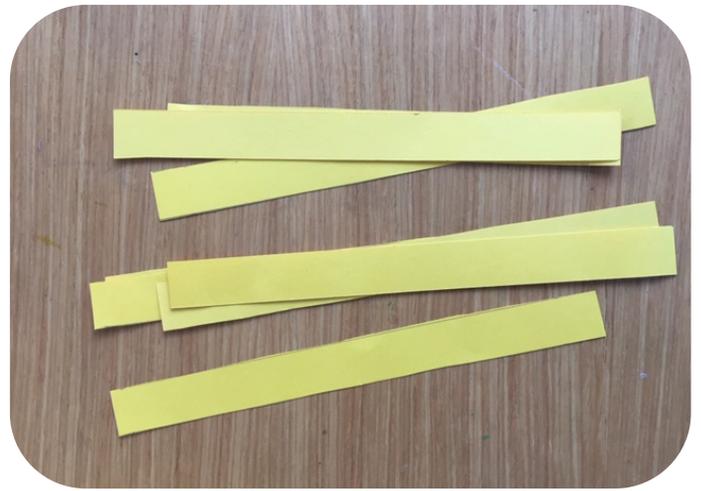
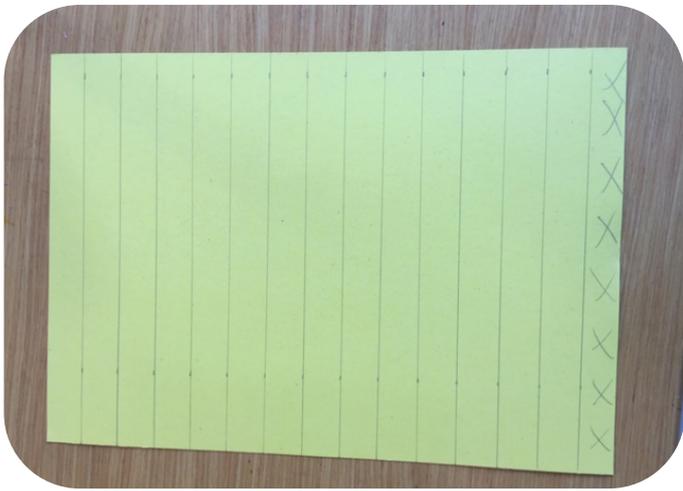
3. Using a ruler, join up the marks to make ten vertical lines. Cut along the vertical lines very carefully. You have made your paper loom. The vertical strips are called the warp.



4. To make the strips going across. (These are called the weft.) Take a piece of A4 coloured card/paper. Measure and make marks at 2 cm intervals along the long side. Do the same along the other long side so the marks are opposite each other.



5. Join the two sets of marks to make lines, which are 2 cm apart. Carefully cut along the lines to make paper strips. (Do not use the bottom strip because it is too narrow.)



6. Do this for every colour of card you want to use. Usually you only need a few strips of each colour.
7. (Optional) Finishing off strip. When you have finished your weaving you will be left with loose vertical strips. To anchor these firmly you will need a white horizontal strip. This is also 2 cm wide but needs to be slightly longer than the other horizontal strips – about 23 cm long.
8. Now you are ready to create your design! Look out for the next activity sheets for some ideas.

