Let’s Create a Woven Christmas Tree!

We Need:

- 2 sheets of paper with different green patterns. (This could be different shades of green coloured paper or 1 sheet of paper with green dots drawn on and 1 sheet of paper with green stripes drawn on).
- Scissors
- Kitchen roll tube
- A helpful adult
- Ruler (optional)
- Glue (optional)

Weaving is a way of making fabric. This is often made on a loom. The long threads are the warp and cross-threads, woven in and out of the warp, are called the weft.

William Morris made this rug in the Coach House of Kelmscott House, Hammersmith. It was made between the years 1879-1881. He often worked on the loom himself.

This small rug shows a tree and flowers. Today during Christmas, many people decorate Christmas trees to celebrate. This tradition was made popular in the Victorian times when William Morris lived. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had brought a tree into Windsor Castle to decorate, afterwards other Victorians decided to do the same!

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Let’s Start:

1. Take 1 sheet of paper and fold it in half lengthways. Cut it diagonally, from the folded corner. Now make some cuts starting from the bottom edge.
2. Open up your tree and make a cut along the fold.
3. Take the other sheet of paper and fold it in half widthways. Repeat twice. Open out and cut along the folds to make 8 strips of paper.
4. Time to weave. Take 1 strip of paper and weave through the tree. Follow with some more strips. We used 5 strips in total.
5. Trim the edges using scissors or fold overhanging strips to the back and secure with glue.
6. Time for the kitchen roll tube. Cut about 5cm off. Then make 2 cuts on opposite sides. This is the trunk of your tree. Carefully slide your tree into the cuts.
7. Well done, you have completed your tree! (If you want to keep on creating perhaps you could make decorations for your Christmas tree or you could even try weaving a different pattern!)

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