



Woven Paper Bookmark



Materials:

Scrap paper (I used a page from a magazine as well as green paper)

Scissors

Glue

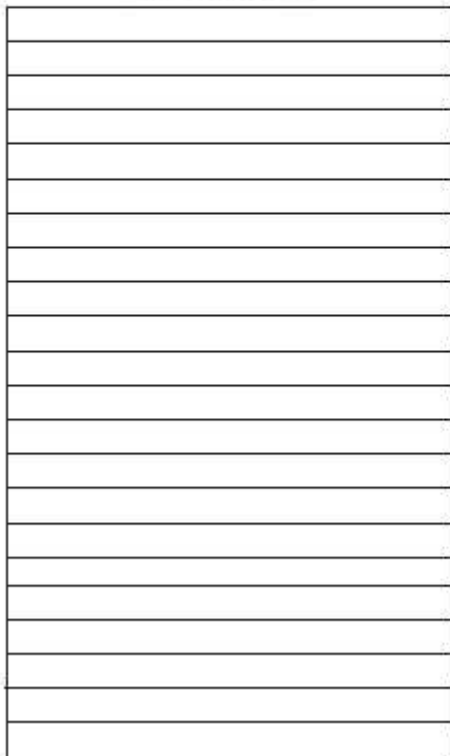
Pen/pencil

Wool (optional)

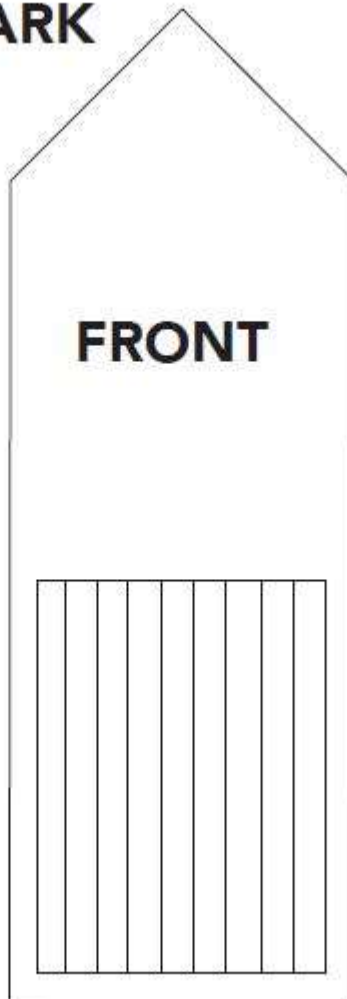
Hole punch/craft knife (optional)

WOVEN BOOKMARK TEMPLATE

STRIPS



FRONT

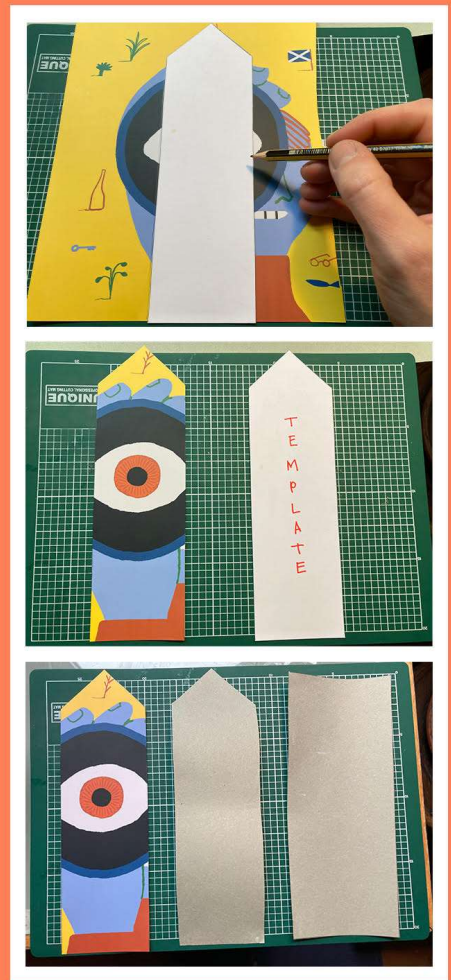


BACK

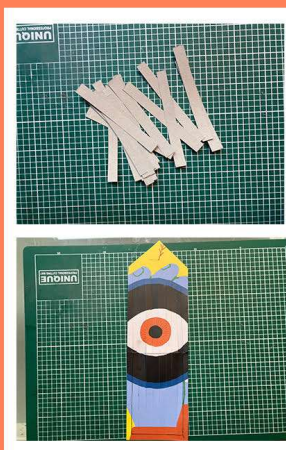
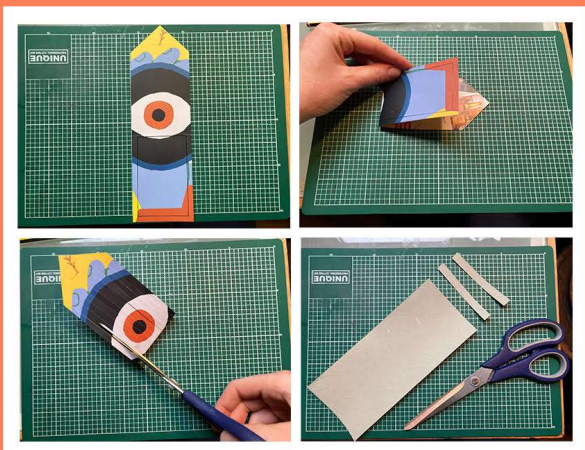


Step 1: Use templates to cut out shapes needed

1. Use the templates to cut out all three shapes
2. One is the front, one is the back and one is for the strips
3. Use two contrasting colours for the 'strips' one and the 'front'
4. Any colour will do for the back!



Step 2: Cut the strips and 'warp'



WHAT IS A WARP?

Warp is a weaving term and it means the stationary 'threads' which the yarn is woven through. So in our case the 'warp' is the piece of paper with the slits in it.

STRIPS:

Either use the lines on the template (if you have printed on coloured paper, or draw lines with a ruler on the 'strips' piece and cut them out. Its okay if they are just roughly the same size!

WARP: Fold the front piece in half, as the picture shows (leaving out the triangular part) and cut strips into it, this should create the warp or frame that you will weave the strips into. Unfold and you will have created slits all the way from the top to the bottom, but with a frame, and leaving out the triangle.

Step 3: Weave!

1. Take a strip and weave it through the frame.
2. The way weaving works is one strip is pulled through the frame **under** then **over** and so on, and then the next strip is put through **over** then **under** and so on.



3. Keep going, making sure to push the strips up so that there are no gaps. Its a wee bit fiddly but you can do it!
4. Fill the whole frame with strips.
You now know the basics of weaving!

Step 4: Trimming and finishing up

1. Firstly tuck each strip that goes over the frame under it, so it looks like the bottom left photograph. Basically all of the strips should be 'framed'.
2. Spread some glue on the underside of the fram (also shown in the bottom left photo) so that the frame is stuck down on both sides.
3. Now trim all the ends off of the strips on both sides (shown in middle picture)
4. Take the back piece that you cut out earlier and cover with glue, then stick them together. Thats it! You are done. But, see the next page to make the optional tassel!



OPTIONAL STEP:

Make a tassel



1. Wrap 50cm of wool around three of your fingers so you have a wee coil, like the one in the top left photo.

2. Make a hole in the triangular part of the bookmark, either with a craft knife or a hole punch if you have one.

3. Push the coiled wool through the hole and the pull one end through the loop, just like in the bottom left photo.

4. Pull it tight and cut the loop so that you have a wee tassel. Trim to desired length.

5. All thats left to do now is pop it in your favourite book!