Paper Weaving

Let's create! Make a unique Paper Weaving with this video how-to! Weaving is a great way to promote fine motor skills and nurture creativity all at once. What cool designs and patterns can you create?

How-to video
https://youtu.be/CvAgADhQ3vQ

Materials:
- 2 pieces of the same-sized paper
- Pencil, pen, or anything to mark with
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Any art materials you want to decorate your weaving!

Steps:
1. Think of what design you’d like for your weaving and decorate your two pieces of paper.
2. Flip one piece of paper over to the undecorated side. Along the top of your paper, use the width of your ruler to draw a line across the entire sheet. Fold the paper in half so your marked line remains on top.
3. Along the folded edge, measure, divide, and mark your paper into 10-15 equal sections depending on the size of your paper (it’s helpful to use the centimeter side of your ruler) This will be your loom!
4. Cut along your folded edge marks, stopping at the top line. Set your loom aside for now.
5. Flip over your second sheet of paper to the undecorated side, and measure, mark, and cut out ____long strips.
6. Weave your strips through the loom, over and under, over and under.
Going Further:
Use this method and change things up to make it more uniquely yours! Maybe try writing different words on the strips of paper, and create different poetry or story weavings every day by switching up the pattern of the weave.

Or maybe try making your loom a setting, like a forest, and draw different plants, animals, and people on the strips to create different pictograph stories through your weave.

Caregiver Tip:
Try asking your learner some open-ended questions to get the sharing started!
What was your favorite part of the process?
What is your favorite part of your finished weaving?
What would you do differently the next time?