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Wild Weaving Mats



Experience weaving in a fun, colorful way by fitting strips into the pre-slit animal mats. The animals and strips are double-sided, so you can see your work in two colors! Start by naming all the animals and classifying them: we have provided a mammal, bird, fish, reptile, amphibian and insect.

Technique:

Carefully tear the strips off the sheet to make your strips. Choosing any animal, weave the strips up and down or across the body. Tip: Glue ends so they don't slip. Tip: You can mix and match the paper strips to the animals. For instance, you can use the feather pattern strips for the bird or you can use the brightly colored alligator scales or frog spots. Each animal can be unique.

Ideas:

Encourage patterning skills while weaving. For an irregular look, try weaving a paper strip up one slot and down the next, then skipping a slot and weaving back up the next.

Use markers and crayons to add detail.

Glue on feathers.

Punch a hole in the top, thread yarn or string and hang to make a mobile.

Cut your own strips in different shapes.

