

Snack Bag Weaving

check list:

1. a bunch of recycled shiny snack bags
2. scissors
3. masking tape
4. duct tape

Before you begin, you need to clean the inside of the bags. Cut each bag on the seams, open it up and wipe the grease off. You can use soap and water if you like.

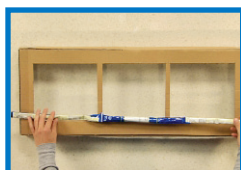
You'll also need a weaving frame. Make one out of cardboard and tape it together. Depending on the size of your frame, you may want to add some narrow pieces of cardboard in the middle to help hold the chip bags as you're weaving.

An easy way to make a frame is to take the lid of a cardboard box, and cut out the middle of the lid, leaving a border around the edges.



Use scissors to cut all the bags into strips. The number of strips you need will depend on the size and shape of your frame. For the frame used here, you would need about 15 long strips, and 25 shorter strips.

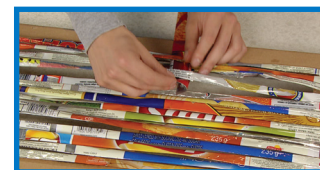
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First, put on the strips that go from one end of the frame to the other. For our frame, these are the long strips. Tape them onto each end of the frame until the whole frame is covered.



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Time to weave! Take one of the short strips, and start by putting it over the first long strip, then putting it under the second long strip, then over the third long strip and under the next one, etc. Keep going over and under and over and under until the short strip gets to the other side of the frame.

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Once you're finished with the strip, slide it all the way to the end of the frame.

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The second strip starts out differently. This time, you're going to start by weaving the piece UNDER the first long strip, then OVER the next one, then under, then over, etc. It's the opposite pattern from the first weave. Once you're finished with this strip, slide it to the side.

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Repeat the same steps on the third weave now beginning OVER first, then under then over, then under, etc.



Weave each strip (alternating between starting over and starting under) until the whole frame is covered.

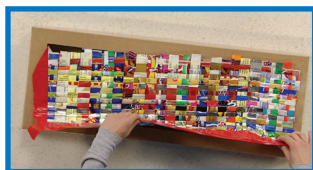
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To hold the edges together, add duct tape to the outside edges of the weave.

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Once the duct tape is on all four sides, carefully peel the weave off of the frame and fold the extra duct tape over.



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You can take it one step further and make a super cool cover for your drawing book! Or, you can turn your weave into anything you want!

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