

Family Art from Home

Woven Collage

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This simple project takes inspiration from basket and textile weavings to create intriguing compositions. Images can be any size and come from any source including magazines, newspapers, photographs and photocopies but they must be the same size. For my example I used an old Art Deco fairytale calendar page and a photocopy of ballet dancers. Using similar, complementary or strikingly different images, as well as paper textures, will play a crucial role in your finished piece. In addition to creating frameable wall art or refrigerator art, these woven collages can be laminated for awesome placemats!

Supplies Needed

- 2 images of the same size
- Scissors
- Glue
- Cardstock or construction paper for mounting that is at least 1" larger on all sides than the size of your chosen images.
- Ruler (optional)

How to do it

Make paper strips

Cut 1st image into horizontal strips (measure strips with ruler for even cuts, if desired)

Cut 2nd image into vertical strips desired (measure strips with ruler for even cuts, if desired)

Weave and glue in place

Glue bottom end of 1st horizontal strip to mounting paper on the far-left side with a margin of 1" (or whatever you have chosen your margin to be)

Glue left end of first vertical strip directly on top so that they make an L shape.

Glue 2nd vertical strip under and next to the first strip.

Repeat steps 4 and 5, alternating over and under until all of the vertical strips have been glued.

Glue the 2nd horizontal strip directly above first one.

Weave horizontal strips through vertical strips until all strips have been glued down.



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