Weaving When Aidan Became a Brother

After reading *When Aidan Became a Brother* create a beautiful rainbow woven gift for a baby.

**Age:** 5-8  
**Duration:** 20-30 minutes

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**Materials:**

**Included in Kit**

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**Gather:**

- Weaving material in rainbow colors (fabric, felt, vinyl, or construction paper)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Tape (Optional)

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**Watch the video Here:** [https://vimeo.com/514017161](https://vimeo.com/514017161)
In the story *When Aidan Became a Brother* by Kyle Lukoff, Aiden is worried that his baby sibling won’t feel understood. The rainbow flag is a symbol of acceptance. A **symbol** is a mark or image that stands for something else. Displaying a rainbow in your home shows people that you value and accept them just the way they are. We’ll be creating a woven rainbow gift to decorate the wall in a baby’s room.

Weaving is one of the oldest art forms still in practice today. It was invented over 12,000 years ago! Weaving is the process of making material by interlacing pieces.

Look down at the clothes you are wearing. Almost every piece is made by weaving. The process starts by taking fibers like cotton or wool and twisting them into thread. Then the tiny threads are woven together to make fabric.

Today we are going to learn the process of weaving in a simple way, using paper, vinyl, or fabric strips.

We’ll weave the colored strips in rainbow order. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple.


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**Photos**

For younger children, or to save time, you may want to prepare the materials like this.

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### Instructions

1. Fold the 9” x 12” piece of paper (or other weaving material) in half lengthwise. You can choose black, brown, or your favorite color. Starting at the fold, cut strips about 1 inch wide but DO NOT CUT ALL THE WAY TO THE END OF THE PAPER. Stop about 1” before the end.

2. Cut a 1”x12” strip from each color: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple. Use your ruler to measure 1”x12”.

3. Then open the page that you folded and cut earlier. Weave your red strip into the slits of the larger paper by going over one strip and under the next one.

4. Then with your orange strip, weave under and over with the next strip so that they go opposite ways. Repeat with the other strips. After you have finished weaving all the colors you may want to tape the strips down on the edges.

**Scaffolding:** For younger children, adults may need to pre-cut the strips. Children may also need help weaving the last strip, as there will not be as much room left.

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### How Was It?

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