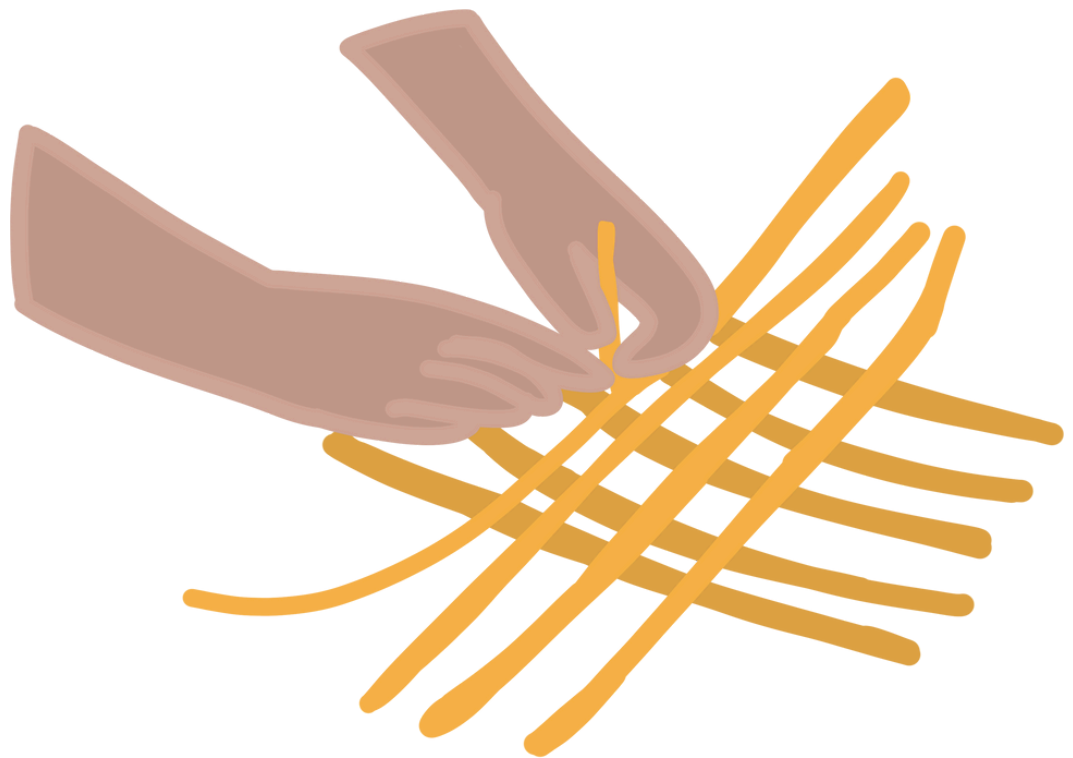


Nest Like The Best!

The female Saint Lucia Oriole is an expert weaver. She builds strong, hidden nests by carefully twisting and weaving natural materials like grass, vines, and palm fibers. These nests hang securely from tree branches, keeping her eggs safe and dry. Today, you'll practice your own weaving skills—just like a mother oriole!

You will need:

- 1 sheet of construction paper or cardboard
- Assorted ribbons, yarn, fabric strips, colored paper, etc.
- Scissors
- Tape or stapler
- Ruler and pencil (optional)



Instructions:

Make Your Base:

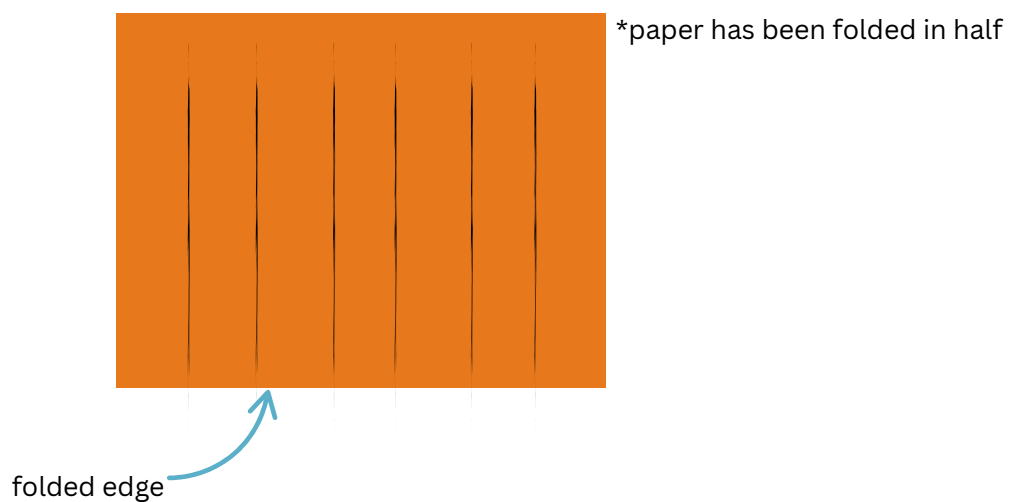
Lay your construction paper or cardboard down vertically.



Cut Even Slits:

Fold the paper lightly in half (don't crease hard!).

Cut even slits from the folded edge to about 1 inch from the top, spaced 1–1.5 inches apart. Unfold—this is your base.



Create Weaving Strips:

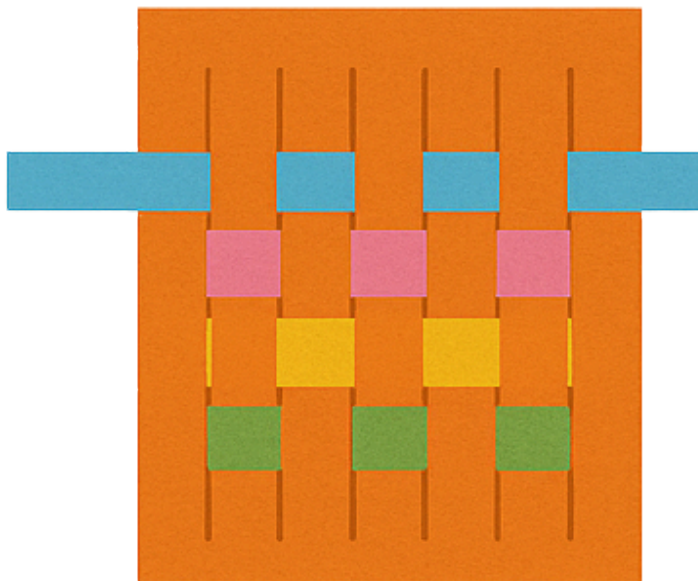
Cut colorful strips of fabric, paper, or ribbon that are a little wider than the paper.



Vary the textures and thicknesses to mimic the different materials orioles might find in nature.

Start Weaving:

Begin at the bottom and weave strips over and under the slits. Alternate the pattern for each new strip (if the last one started by going "over," the next starts by going "under"). You're building an oriole nest!



Tighten & Secure:

Push the strips close together so there are no gaps just like the oriole does to keep her eggs from falling out of the nests.

Tape or staple the ends on the back to hold the weaving in place.