



FABRICATIONS

Fabrications 1 - PLAIN WEAVE

CORK COASTER



Plain weave is the simplest of woven fabric structures with the vertical (warp) and horizontal (weft) elements interlaced in an over-1-under-1- pattern. These fabrics resist snags, wear well and provide a sturdy foundation for surface design. They do, however, ravel easily and have lower tear strength than other weaves. Common plain-weave fabrics include cheesecloth, chambray, muslin, broadcloth, organdy and canvas.

Materials:

- 10 cork strips $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide and 4 inches long (you can use larger strips if you like)
- Glue/Glue Gun
- Toothpicks
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cover the work surface with newspapers or plastic wrap to protect it from the glue.
2. Place 5 strips vertically (warp) leaving a small space between the strips.
3. Weave the remaining five strips horizontally (weft) in an over-1-under-1- pattern, again leaving a small space between the strips.
4. Glue the strips together around the perimeter – place a small dot of glue in the center of the two strips to be joined; quickly spread the glue using a toothpick; and press firmly for several seconds.
5. Trim uneven edges (see photo.)

