**FABRICATIONS**

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**TWINED mini BASKET**

**Twining** is the twisting of two strands of flexible material alternately around a support. This technique creates shape as well as adds stability to woven fabrics and baskets. Twining is an ancient technique that allows one to weave without a loom.

**Materials:**
- 4 pieces of construction paper for spokes/warp, 1.5 cm (5/8”) wide and 14 cm (5 ½”) long, shaped like a bowtie with centers of 0.5 cm (1/4”) width
- Heavy string or twine for weft (4.5 yards minimum)
- Scissors; large-holed, blunt-ended tapestry needle

**Instructions:**
1. Stack paper spokes.
2. Fold string in half over center of papers and wrap three times around the center.
3. Fan out spokes of paper and weave one end of the string over and under each spoke, at the same time weave the other end of the string under and over each spoke.
4. Continue twisting the string around the spokes to create a spiral.
5. After 3-6 rounds, the bottom of the basket is complete. Bend the spokes straight up and continue twining to make the sides of the basket.
6. When the basket is the size you want, lay the ends of the string parallel to the inside rim of the basket.
7. Bend each spoke inwards over the rim. Secure each spoke by tucking the ends of the paper into the twined string about two rows down.
8. Use tapestry needle to weave in twine, and trim excess with scissors.