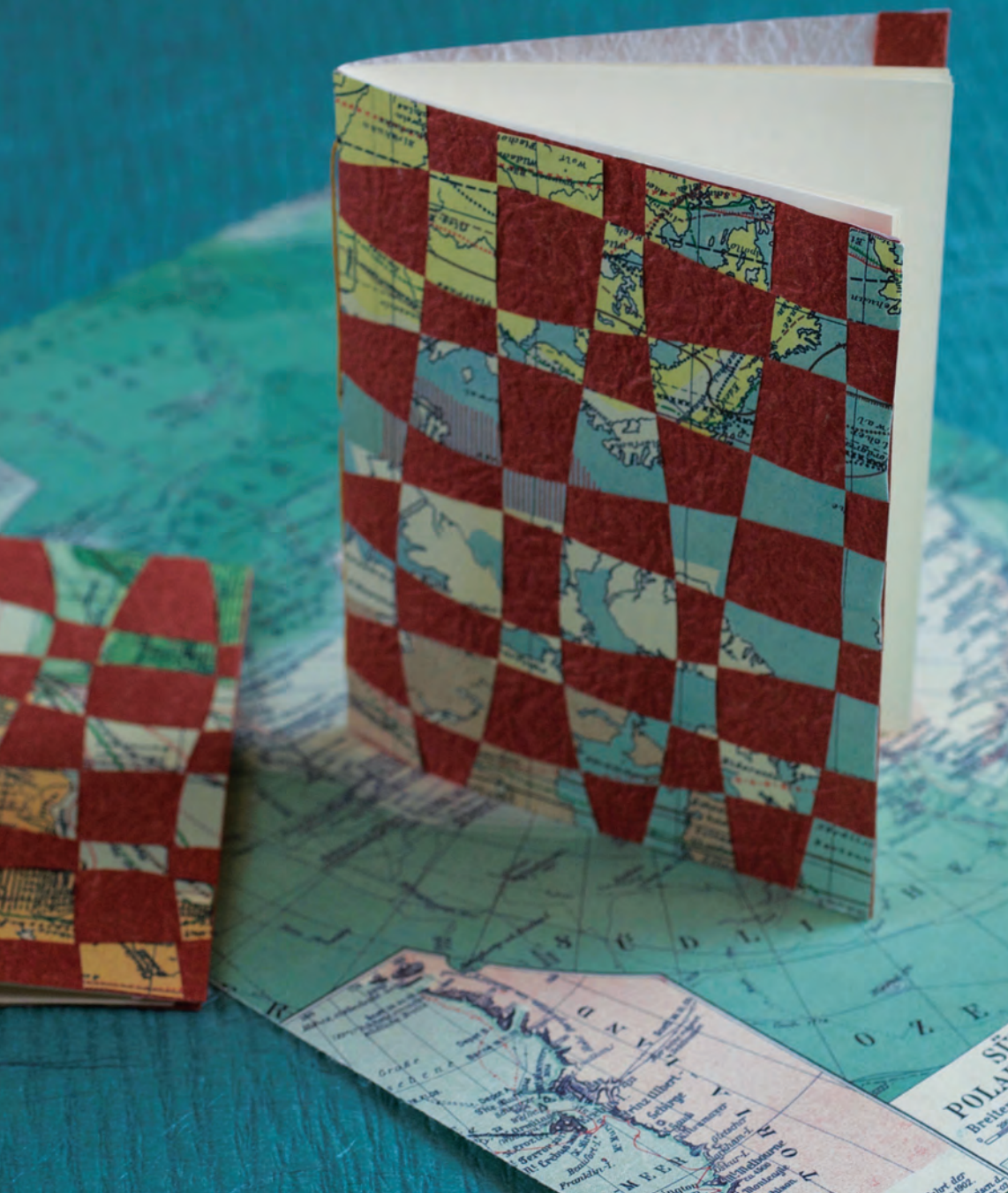


Woven Notebook

Create a small booklet with a woven paper cover. Old maps or purchased map papers make for an interesting design! And weaving undulating paper strips is much simpler than you might think. Sew in a few text pages using a pamphlet stitch and voila! – you’ve made a clever little journal.



Materials: Momi paper cut to $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10", map paper cut to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ", 4 sheets of $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " text weight paper for the pages in the book, folded in half, white glue, bookbinding thread

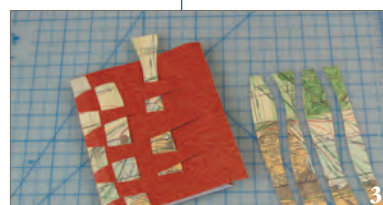
Tools: craft knife, cutting mat, glue brush, piercing tool, ruler, scissors, needle. *Optional:* bone folder



Step 1: Fold the cover paper in half and fold the two ends in at $\frac{1}{2}$ " each, as shown.



Step 2: Unfold the cover paper and cut horizontal slits into the front cover between the center line and the front cover flap fold line. Cut the map paper into 6 or 7 vertical strips. Keep them in order on your cutting mat so that you can weave them in order.



Step 3: Weave the strips into the slits in the cover paper, aligning the top and bottom edges. I like to use the tip of my craft knife to gently prod the pieces into place. After all of the pieces are woven and fitted, glue all loose ends down on both the front and back sides. Place a ruler along the top and bottom edges to trim off any pieces that hang over the edge. Fold and glue the flaps down.



Step 4: Unfold the cover and nest the text pages inside, lining up the centers. Measure, mark and pierce 3 holes through all layers $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from each edge and in the center. Cut a piece of binding thread to approx. 18" and sew a three-hole pamphlet stitch to complete the booklet as follows: starting on the inside, thread the needle into hole #2 (the center) bring it back up through hole #3, go back into the center hole, and finally bring it out through hole #1. Loop the needle through the stitched loop, pull it tight and tie a double knot in the center. Trim the ends of the thread to approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

TIPS

- When you get to weaving in the last strip, you might have to trim the straight edge to make it fit!

Paper pictured here: Machine-made momigami paper from Washi Arts, decorative map paper from the book: *Maps: Gift & Creative Paper Book*, off white text paper