

Woven Plastic Straw Coaster

Prepare kits to hand out with straws and a cardboard loom so people can make some FUNctional coasters.

Supplies needed:

- 8" X 8" square of scrap cardboard per kit
- 24 plastic straws (12 in one color; 12 in another color) per kit
- Masking tape
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Duct tape or similar in a decorative color
- 1 Popsicle stick per kit



Preparing the kits:

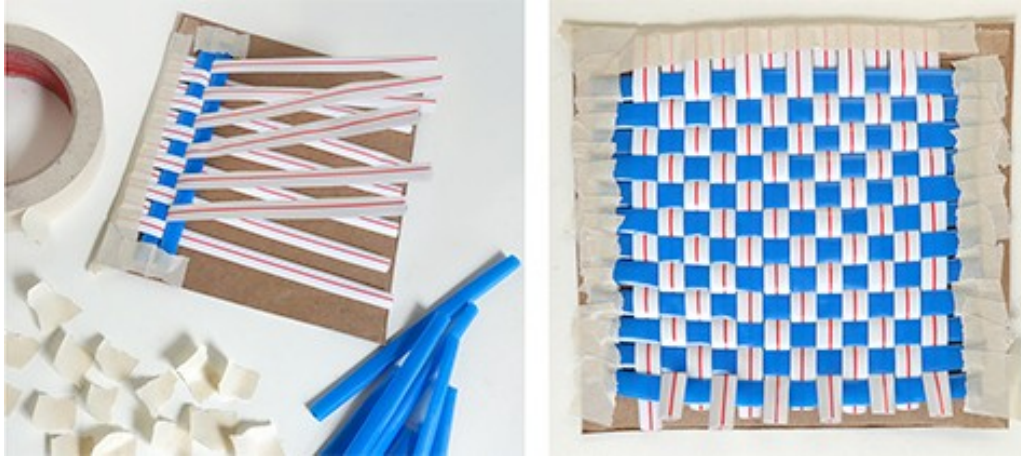
1. Cut the straws so they are 6" long (just below the crinkled bend portion if using flexible straws).
2. Flatten the straws by pressing them down several times with the ruler.
3. Tape one set of 12 straws to the cardboard, using masking tape to hold the edges down.

Fill each kit with:

- Direction sheet printed on copy paper.
- One loom with 12 straws taped on
- 12 straws for weaving
- Popsicle stick
- Masking tape
- Scissors and duct tape or similar

Woven Plastic Straw Coaster Directions

1. Lift every other straw up off of the cardboard as shown in the photo
2. Weave the 12 loose straws through the straws on the cardboard in an



over/under fashion. Alternate each row so one row starts weaving over and the next starts weaving under. Hold the ends down with masking tape. Use the popsicle stick to scoot the straws tightly together.

3. As you're weaving, cover the straws with the duct tape, overlapping it as needed. This is going to become the bottom of the coaster.
4. Remove the coaster by lifting the taped edges up and off the cardboard. Cut the edges off to make a square coaster.
5. Use the decorative duct tape to make a border.

