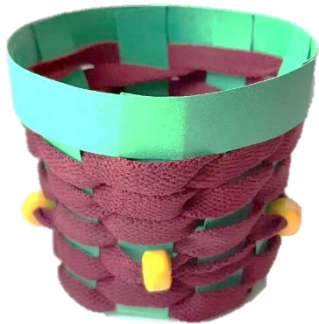


Explore ...

Weaving



Weaving is a technique that has been used for thousands of years all over the world. Explore some objects from the World Collection and try weaving for yourself.

Do you have any baskets in your house?

What do you use them for?



Objects from the World Collection



This basket was made in Kenya, in Africa in the 1920s, which makes it nearly 100 years old.

It is decorated with different colours and patterns.



This is a belt made from beads called a Umutsha. We think it was made by the Zulu or Nguni people of Southern Africa.

HAVE A GO

Try weaving yourself using the template.

Traditionally baskets were woven using natural materials, like reeds, but you can use any materials you have at home.

You could decorate your basket by adding colour or threading beads like the objects from the World Collection.

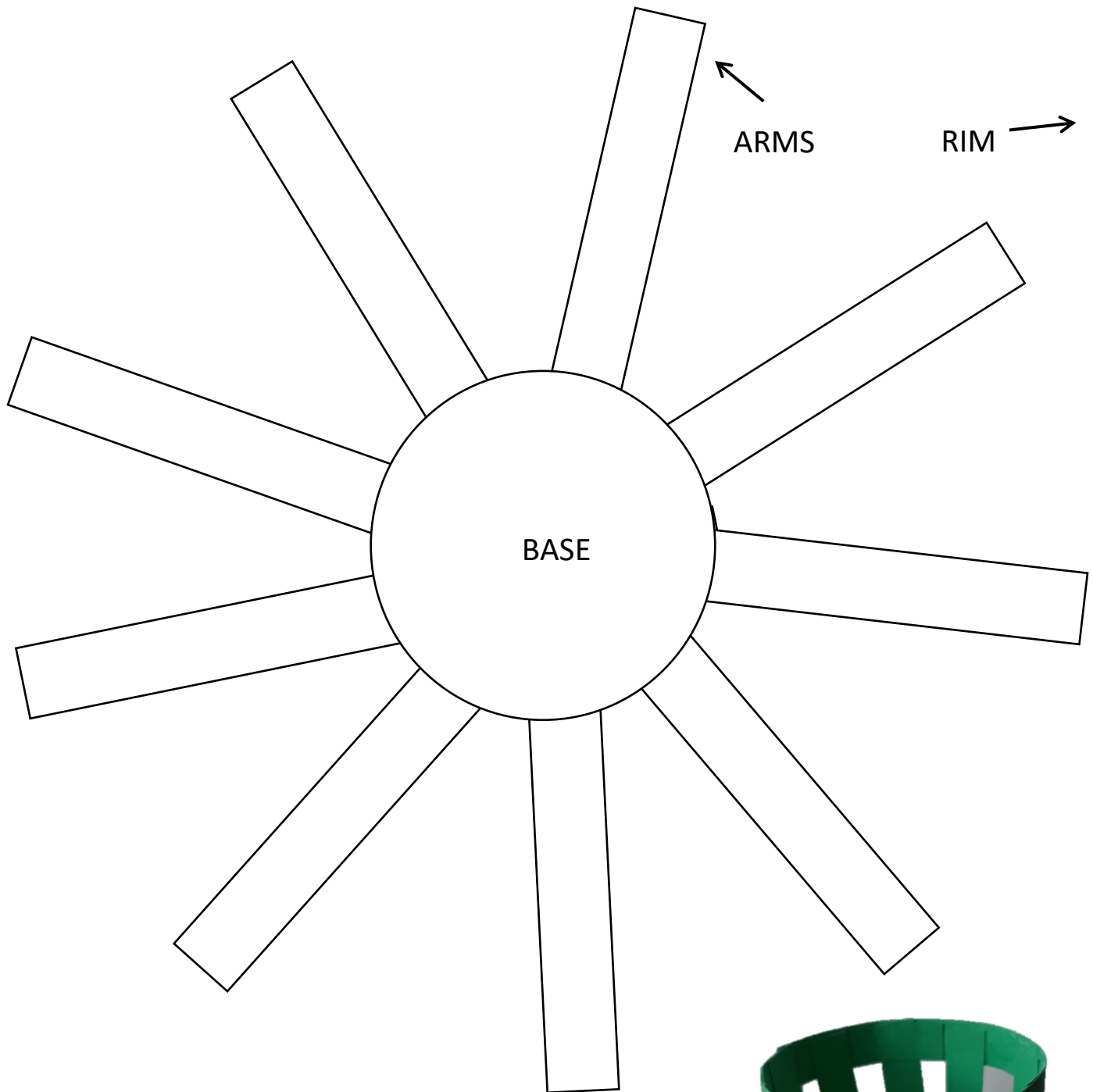
INSTRUCTIONS

Use the template to draw onto card.

Fold the arms up and then glue the long strip to the ends to make the rim of your basket.

Choose what to weave with. We've used shoe laces but you could use wool, twine, strips of card or long scraps of fabric. Start at the base and weave in and out of the arms.

You could thread beads for decoration or paint to add different colours or patterns.



EXPERIMENT with size and shape.

To make your basket wider make the base bigger. To make it taller make the arms longer.

