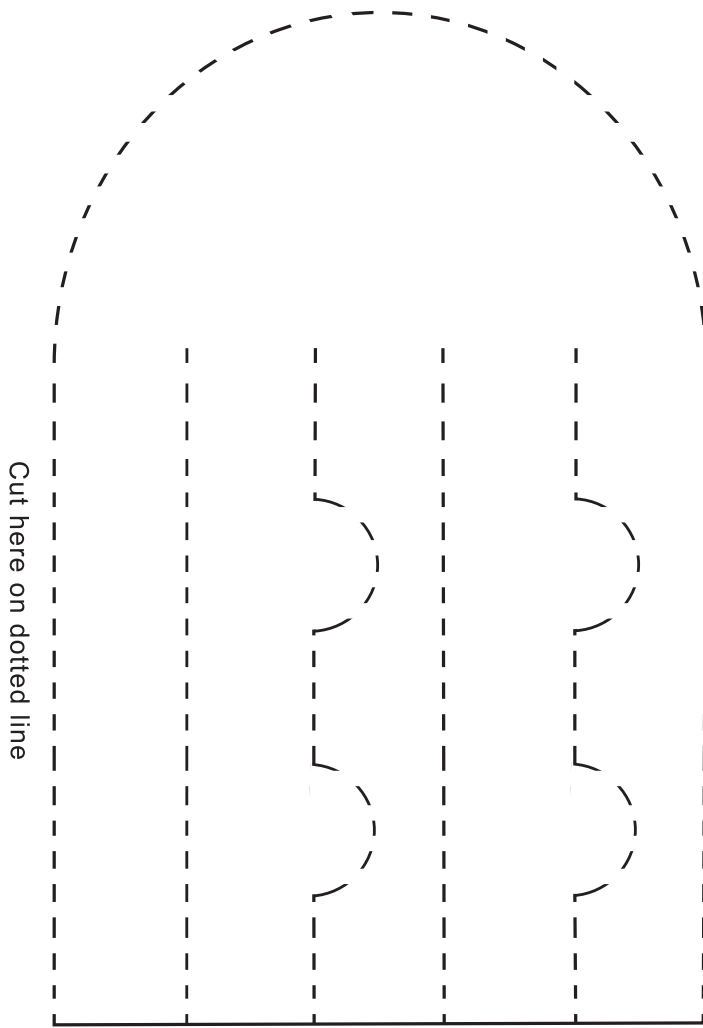


Woven heart template and instructions



1. Print two copies of this template. If you are printing on colored paper, print one on pink paper and the other on red; otherwise, print both templates on white paper and color them as you wish with markers or crayons.

2. Fold the printouts in half where marked.

3. Carefully cut out the shapes and cut along the dotted lines. Go slowly — the more precise your cuts at this step, the better the basket will look. You may want to extend the four cuts up the middle of the shape by about a half inch to make weaving easier. Repeat for the other template.

3. Time to start weaving. Overlap the halves, still folded, in a heart shape (red half to the right and the pink half to the left) with the unnotched strips forming the point (see the first photo in the magazine).

Next, thread the two layers of the innermost right-hand strip (in this case, a red one) alternately around and through the two layers of each left-hand strip (pink). That is, first thread it around both layers of a pink strip, so it sandwiches them, then through the layers of the next pink strip, so it is sandwiched.

For the next red strip, first weave through, then around. Continue alternating the weaving pattern with each strip. Take your time and smooth the layers with each pass.

When you're finished, glue on a paper-strip handle, as shown in the magazine, if you like.

Fold here on solid line