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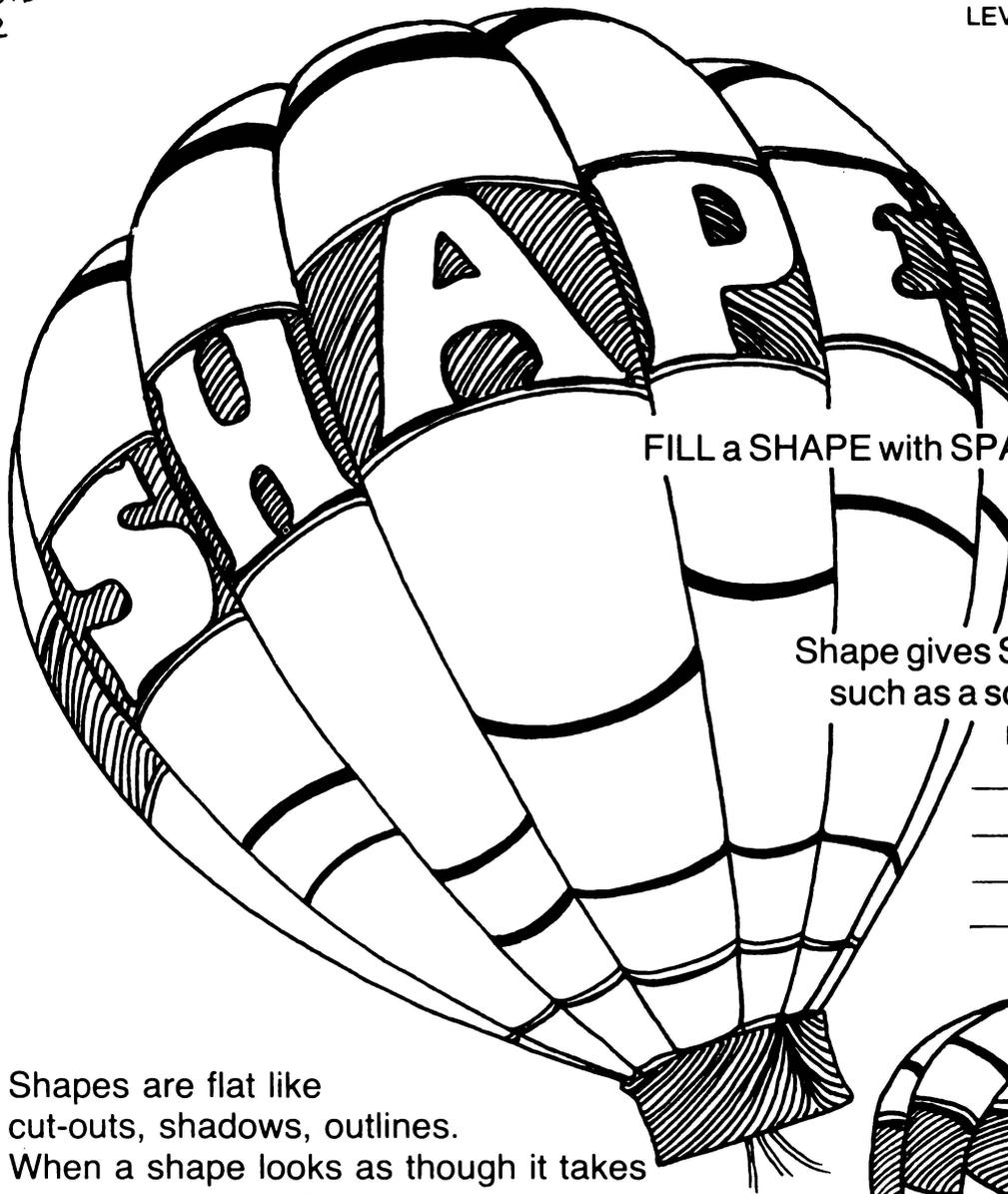
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FILL a SHAPE with SPACE to make a FORM
or form a SPACE
to make a
SHAPE!

Shape gives Space a name
such as a square room or
round silo or

Shapes are flat like cut-outs, shadows, outlines. When a shape looks as though it takes up space or contains space we can call it form. Sometimes it is easy to tell if a shape is three-dimensional, especially when it is close. Often a form looks like a flat shape, especially when it is far away. In design the elements of shape and form are closely related because every form has a shape.



Underline the words below that describe the shape of a form

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|-------|------------|---------|--------|--------|-------------|
| red | cold | pyramid | fat | wet | diamond |
| rough | egg-shaped | old | round | thin | bean-shaped |
| oval | sticky | yellow | glassy | square | fluffy |

The Language of Shape

When we talk to each other with words we explain how we feel or what we are thinking in a language of sounds. We depend on our ears to hear the message.

Words can also be written and we can see the message. Design also has a language that depends on line and texture, color and shape to express a message. We can use our eyes to read the message or we can use our sense of touch to discover the form of a shape.

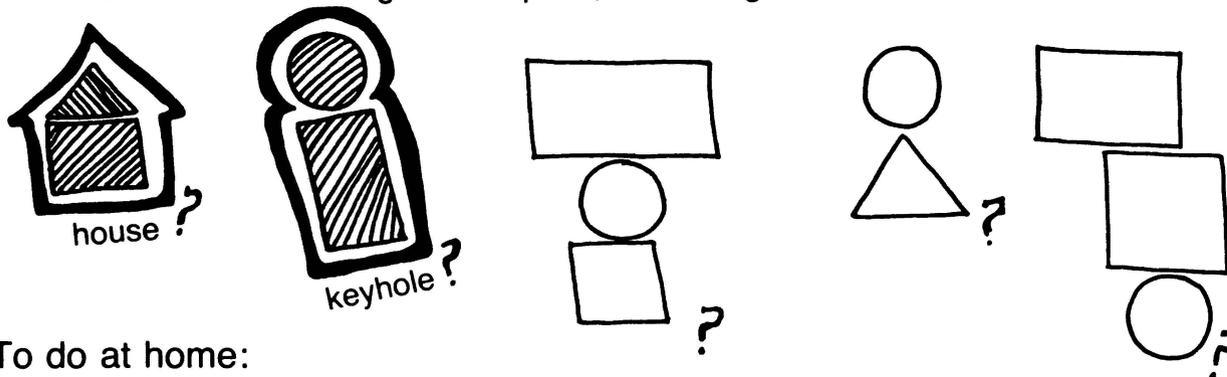
What can Shape say in Design?

round and oval shapes: growth, movement
think of petals growing outward from the center of a flower
— bubbles floating in the air
— blowing up a balloon
— a pebble thrown in a pond

square and rectangular shapes: order, stability
think of bricks in the wall of a house
— buildings in a city

triangle shapes: strength, action
think of the roofs of houses
— a sliding board from a side view
— a funnel

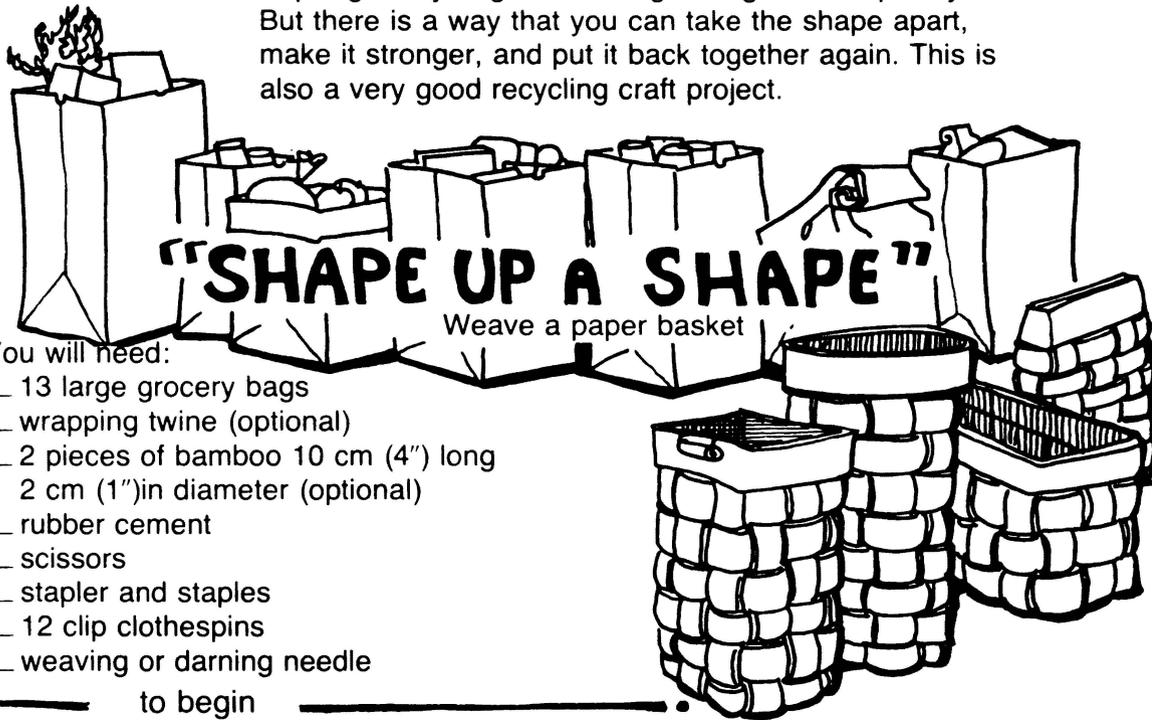
Combination shapes: depend upon what they remind us of;
think of a combination triangle and square, or rectangle and circle



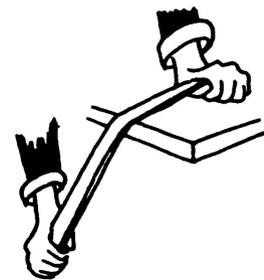
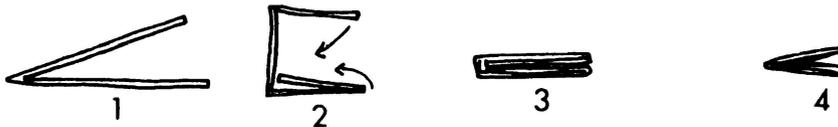
To do at home:
make up many combinations of simple shapes to see what kind of space will be enclosed.

WHAT can YOU do with SHAPE?

- Some shapes work best for certain uses.
- A bowl shape is good for serving or eating food because it's easy to clean with no corners for food to hide.
- Square and rectangle shapes are best for storage boxes because they stack easier and don't waste space.
- Containers are shapes that hold a certain amount of space.
 - Paper grocery bags are strong enough for temporary use. But there is a way that you can take the shape apart, make it stronger, and put it back together again. This is also a very good recycling craft project.

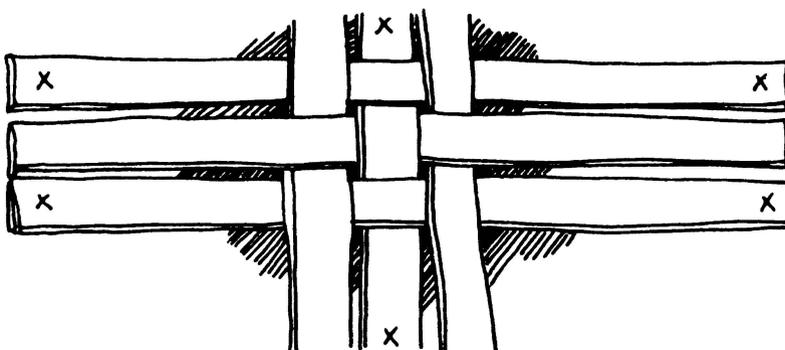


- 1 Cut bottom out of each grocery bag. Cut off seam.
- 2 Open flat and fold each section in half.
- 3 Fold each raw edge toward the center fold
- 4 Fold once more and crease sharply by drawing strip down over a table edge.



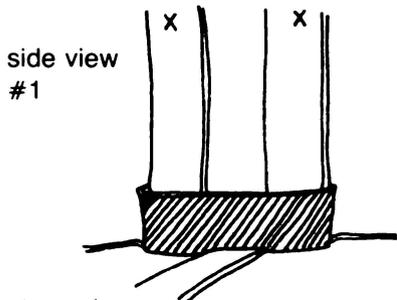
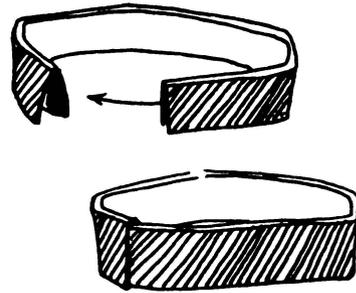
Measure all sections to be sure all are the same length and width. Trim any long ones and refold any irregulars.

To weave



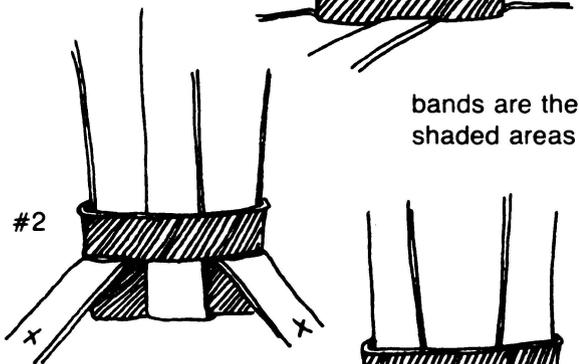
- place three vertical strips.
- place three horizontal strips.
- weave over and under for the base.
- pull ends so the length is even on all sides.
- fold up the "X" strips and fasten with a clothespin.

Join the ends of each remaining strip to make bands. Use rubber cement or staples. At least one band should have an open edge like a cuff. This is used to finish the top edge of your basket.

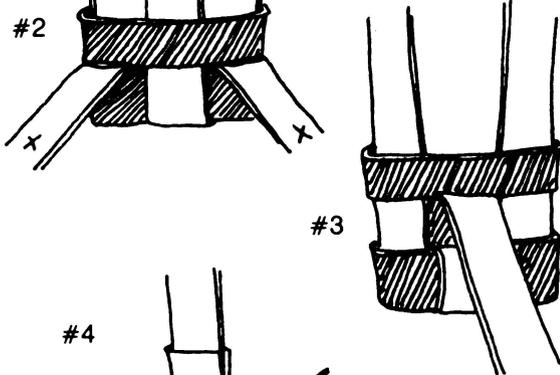


side view
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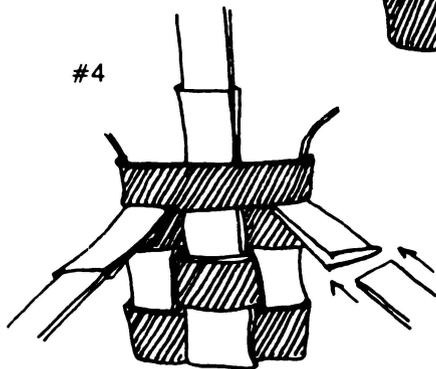
1. Slip one band down to base
Bend "X" set of strips down
Pull other set of strips up
and fasten with clothespin.
2. Slip second band down
3. Repeat until basket is as high as you want.
4. If you want a very deep basket make more strips and add to the original set.
5. If you want a square basket fold the bands to make corners.



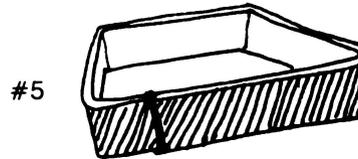
bands are the shaded areas



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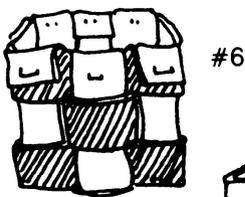
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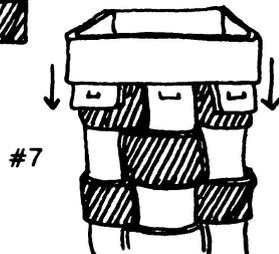
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to finish

6. Pull each end up tightly and fold over last band. Staple ends in place and trim off excess.
 7. Brush rubber cement along top of basket, inside and out. Do the same with inside of last band. Press finish band into place.
- If you would like handles weave a needle threaded with twine down one side, across the bottom and up the other side. Thread through the piece of bamboo.



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