Making a Checkers Mat!

An easy Arts and Crafts project that can lead to hours of future fun, is making a Checkers Mat by simply using different colored duct tape. The following instructions will help you create your very own!

> **Materials:** 2 colors of duct tape, scissors, clear surface area

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Grab your two colors of duct tape that you will use as the checkerboard colors (**our example will use red and green, but use whatever colors you have**).
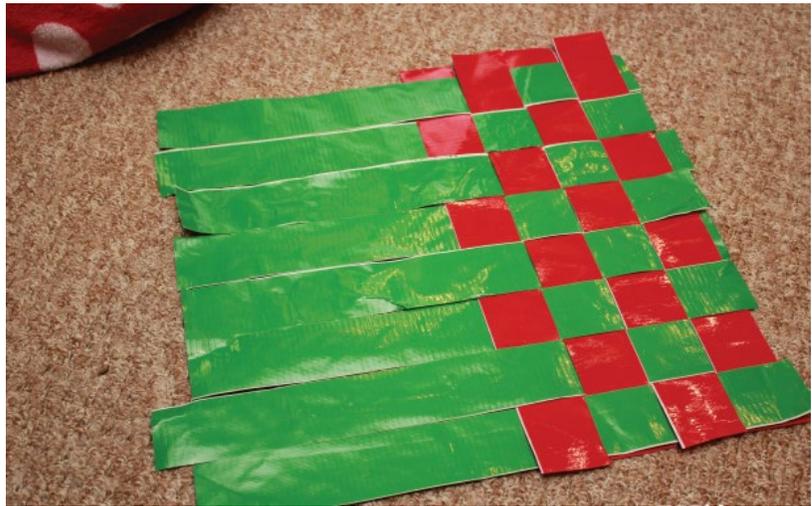

2. Cut 2 strips of green (or whatever color you have) duct tape that are both 16 inches long; now carefully stick the two pieces so the sticky sides are together and the color sides are on the outside. Repeat this until you have 8 green strips.

3. Repeat step 2 but now use the red tape (or whatever you have as your second color), so you finish with 8 red strips.

4. Lay all 8 green strips horizontally as close as possible to one another.

Adapted from: https://www.inspirationmadesimple.com/diy-duct-tape-checker-board/
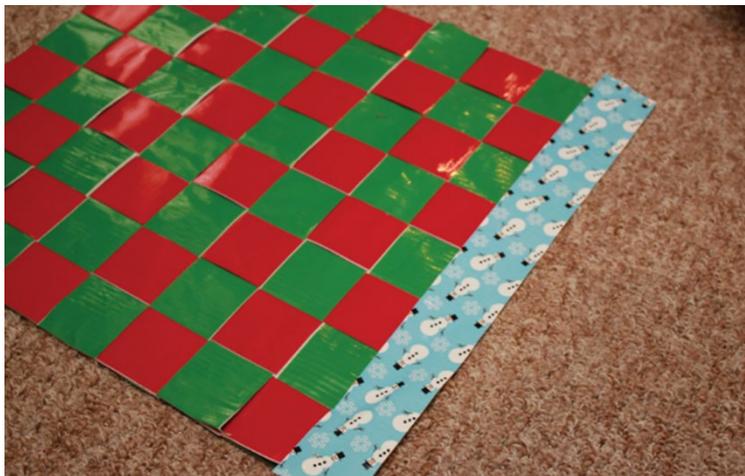
5. <u>Weave</u> the red strips through the green strips (see picture). You may find it easier to work together with someone so that everything stays in place.

6. To secure the board together, cover the back of the board with one of your duct tapes by sticking strips across the back to cover the entire backside (not pictured), which will make it more sturdy.

7. Create a <u>small border</u> around the whole edge of the board using whichever color you want (in this example, the Snowman Duct Tape). Cut a strip of tape to fit the length of the board.

8. On the front of the board, stick about 1/4" of the tape to the edge and then fold the remainder of the tape to the back of the board and stick it there.

9. Find the included ziploc bag and cover it with duct tape of your choice to hold your checker pieces (in your Booster Box), and you're ready to <u>play</u> some Checkers!

10. Have Fun!!!