

STRING ART

MATERIALS:

- WOOD BLOCK
 - SANDPAPER
 - HEART TEMPLATE
 - SCOTCH TAPE
 - 28 NAILS (EXTRA JUST IN CASE)
 - STRING
 - PAINT
 - SPONGE BRUSH
- NOT INCLUDED:**
- HAMMER

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. START BY SANDING THE EDGES AND ANY ROUGH SURFACES ON THE BLOCK OF WOOD.
2. TAPE DOWN THE HEART TEMPLATE IN THE CENTER OF THE BLOCK.
3. LINE THE NAIL UP WITH THE POINTS ALONG THE EDGE OF THE HEART AND HOLD IT WHILE YOU LIGHTLY TAP THE NAIL INTO THE WOOD. NAIL IT IN JUST ENOUGH SO THAT IT STANDS UP BY ITSELF.
4. CONTINUE HAMMERING THE NAIL IN UNTIL IT IS ONLY SHOWING A QUARTER OF AN INCH OR SO. IF THE NAIL BEGINS TO LEAN, YOU MAY HAVE TO TAP THE SIDE OF THE NAIL UNTIL IT STRAIGHTENS BACK OUT.
5. ONCE ALL OF THE NAILS ARE IN, TEAR OFF THE PAPER UNDERNEATH.

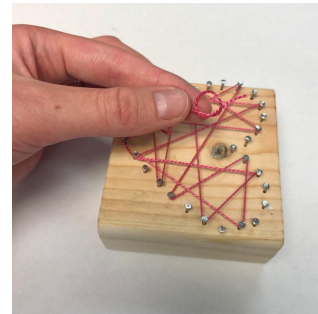


Try to make sure
the nail heights
are as even as
possible!

6. TO START THE STRING, TIE ONE END ON A NAIL AND THEN TIE A SECOND KNOT TO SECURE IT, LEAVING A SMALL LENGTH OF STRING, A "TAIL," STICKING OUT.

7. BEGIN TO WEAVE THE STRING AROUND THE NAILS, MOVING BACK AND FORTH, COVERING EMPTY SPACES.

8. WHEN YOU COME TO THE END OF THE STRING, YOU'LL TIE IT TO ANOTHER NAIL, KNOTTED TWICE, TO FINISH IT OFF AND SECURE IT. THIS WORKS BEST IF YOU TIE A VERY LOOSE LOOP, PLACE IT AROUND THE NAIL YOU WISH TO FINISH AT, AND THEN TIGHTEN IT ONCE THERE.



Because the nailheads are small, the yarn has a tendency to pop off the previous nail. If necessary, use a finger to hold the yarn on the previous nail while you wrap it around the next. Once you move on, the yarn will stay in place.

9. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE COLOR, REPEAT THE PROCESS WITH THE OTHER COLORS.

10. WHEN YOU COME TO YOUR LAST COLOR, BEGIN BY TYING THE STRING TO A NAIL, LIKE NORMAL, BUT THEN WRAPPING IT AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE HEART TO GIVE IT A CLEARLY DEFINED BORDER.

11. FINISH THE FINAL COLOR BY WEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE STRING AND THEN TYING IT OFF LIKE YOU DID WITH THE OTHER COLORS.

12. TRIM OFF THE TAILS OF EACH OF THE STRINGS YOU TIED. MAKE SURE YOU CUT CLOSE ENOUGH SO THAT YOU DON'T SEE MUCH OR ANY OF THE TAIL, BUT NOT SO CLOSE THAT YOU MIGHT CUT THE KNOT THAT TIES IT TO THE NAIL.


13. TAKE YOUR PAINT AND SPONGE A COAT OR TWO AROUND THE EDGES OF THE WOOD BLOCK TO ADD A POP OF COLOR!

14. TA-DA!

When doing the perimeter, loop the string around that top center nail before going around the other side of the heart, that way it stays secure!




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