

String Art

#### **MATERIALS**

Premier® Yarns Cotton Collage™ (46% Cotton, 33% Superwash Fine Merino, 12% Polyamide, 9% PBT; 1.75 oz/50g, 246 yards/225 m)

• 1133-06 Sunshine Multi — 1 ball **Notions:** Wood nails, hammer, saw (optional), sandpaper, protractor or round template, glue, scissors, scrap wood, paint (optional), pencil

#### **PATTERN NOTES**

This project is customizable! A piece of scrap wood was cut square and sanded down for the base of this project. But yours doesn't have to be square, nor does the design! It was also painted black to contrast with the yarn colors. But again, you can leave the wood untreated, stain it, or anything else you can imagine.

The yarn listed is more than enough to complete the project shown. Most any glue should work fine. Basic craft glue was used in the project shown.

## Skills/techniques used in this project:

- Hammering nails.
- Wrapping and tying yarn.

### **Step One**

Begin by cutting your piece of wood square as shown, or to desired shape. Sand the edges as smooth as you like, at least enough so that the yarn does not snag. Paint, stain, or decorate the wood if desired.

Take your round template or protractor and trace a circular shape at the desired size. Next, determine how many nails you will hammer into your circle. In the example shown, 48 nails were evenly spaced around the circle which had a diameter of approximately 9".

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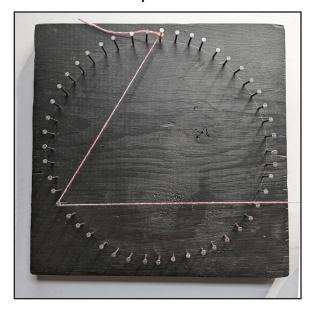
Locate the topmost nail. Tie an end of the yarn to it, leaving a tail that will later be glued down. Divide the circle into thirds, and wrap the yarn around the next nail a third of the way around. In this instance, it was the 17th nail. Then wrap the yarn around the next nail a third of the way around.

Bring the yarn up and wrap it around the nail just to the left of the first/topmost nail. Then wrap it around the next two third nails from this new rotation. Do this one more time, so there are three "triangles of yarn. Cut the yarn and tie off.

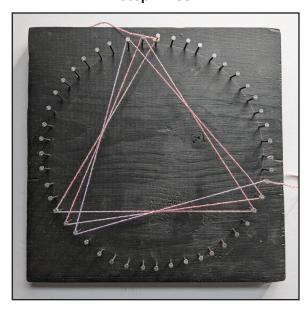
Locate the nail in between the first grouping of three triangles. Repeat Step Three from this new nail, creating another grouping of three triangles that's offset from the first grouping.

This is our base layer - two sets each of three triangles. Cut the yarn and tie off.

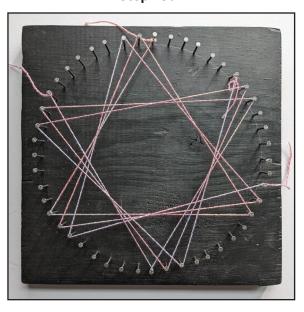
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### **Step Five**

Tie the yarn to the topmost nail - the same nail that began our base layer. This time we're going to be working in fourths instead of thirds. Locate the nail a fourth of the way around, then a half, then three fourths, wrapping the yarn each time around the nails.

Bring the yarn up and wrap it around the nail just to the left of the first/topmost nail. Then wrap it around the next three fourth nails from this new rotation. Do this all the way around the circle, ending at the nail you begain with. Tie off the yarn. This forms our middle layer.

### **Step Six**

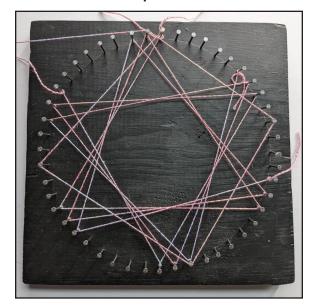
Tie the yarn again to the topmost nail. This time we're going to be working in sixths, or every 8 nails in this example. Repeat Step Five, in sixths all the way around the circle, ending at the nail you began with. Tie off the yarn. This forms our top layer.

### **Step Seven**

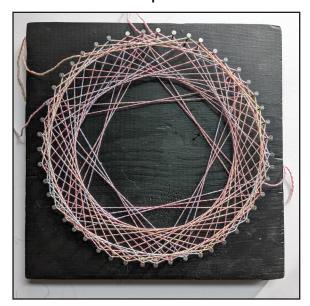
Trim each end to about an inch. Dab with a bit of glue and "hide" ends underneath a strand.

And that's it! You can see that there is no right or wrong way to make String Art. Yours could be square, made up of two or three circles of nails. It could be asymmetric, have one layer or ten. You can further decorate the board with paint or other fun embellishments. Make it your own!

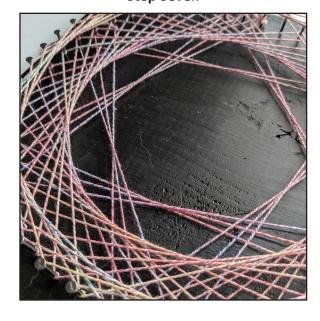
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