

Art's First at Studio Place Arts!

We hope our exhibits and Art's First workshops will inspire you to make things at home.

Embroidery for Kids



Materials:

Scrap Burlap or solid color fabric that has a loose weave to it
Plastic yarn needle or large tapestry needle with a dull point
Assorted scrap yarn or embroidery floss
Embroidery hoop (optional)
Large plastic beads or buttons (optional)
Marker
Scissors

Practice threading a needle and tying a knot with a plastic yarn needle and some yarn. Draw or trace some simple shapes or a picture on a piece of burlap and have fun trying out different stitches. This is a great lesson to practice some fine motor skills and use some new vocabulary words. You can also incorporate buttons and larger plastic beads or stretch your burlap over an official embroidery hoop. This is a great way to introduce embroidery with young artists!

[How to make your own embroidery](#)
[Another embroidery video](#)

Rya knot Tapestry



Materials:

Sticks or dowels approximately 12" long
Assorted yarn scraps in different colors, thicknesses and textures

Large plastic beads (optional)

Scissors

Elastic bands

Rya knots date back to medieval times in Scandinavia. This knot technique was incorporated in rugs and woven tapestries. The knot itself is quite simple, however, when you make many of them next to each other with an assortment of different yarns, you can create beautiful soft textured wall art. Find a sturdy stick outside or a wooden dowel and gather some different yarns and try your hand at making a beautiful fringed wall hanging. This is a great activity to work together with friends and family. You can then experiment and try adding beads to some of the fringe strands or practice braiding too!

[How to make a Rya Knot tapestry](#)

[A site that shares some history about rya rugs.](#)

Yarn Painting



Materials:

Scrap cardboard or foam core cut to desired size for the surface

Scissors

Tacky or Elmers glue

A pencil

Scrap yarn in assorted colors

Try your hand at making a beautifully textured “painting” with yarn! You start with a piece of cardboard, canvas board, or heavy paper. Sketch a simplified design on your board. It could be just some shapes to make an abstract design or a simplified picture of something. Then trace one section at a time with glue and press yarn segments onto the glue line. You can use a pencil point to help press the yarn down into the glue to avoid getting your hands all gluey. I like to outline my design with one solid color first then fill in areas as I go along. This is a project that takes patience. I would start small and simple to get a feel for it first. If you love the process, then make more!

[Learn about the Huichol people of Mexico and their yarn painting tradition](#)

[How to make your own yarn painting](#)

Fabric Collage/Quilt Squares



Materials:

Scrap fabrics in assorted colors and prints
Fabric scissors or new ones that aren't dull yet.
Fabric or craft glue
Embroidery thread (optional)
Embroidery or tapestry needle (optional)

This is a fun project that can tell a story about an event or experience. Start with a piece of fabric for a back panel and then plan or draw your idea out right on the fabric with a marker if you'd like. You can even draw your design on a piece of paper and cut the main objects out to make pattern pieces for tracing on fabric. Before you start gluing things in place, you can arrange your fabric pieces on your background panel to plan things out first. When it's time to glue, just add a few dabs to glue things in place. Then you can even embellish your beautiful tapestry with embroidery thread and stitches. Below are some links to learn a bit about Chilean Arpilleras which have become a beautiful folk art tradition from a not so beautiful time in Chilean history.

[Learn about Chilean Arpilleras](#)

[Watch a Chilean Arpillera at work!](#)

[Learn how to make an Arpillera](#)

Yarn Sticks



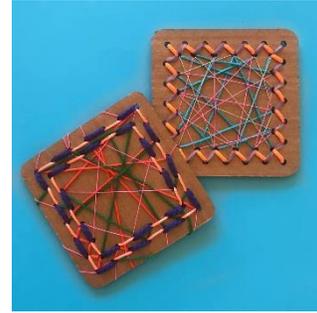
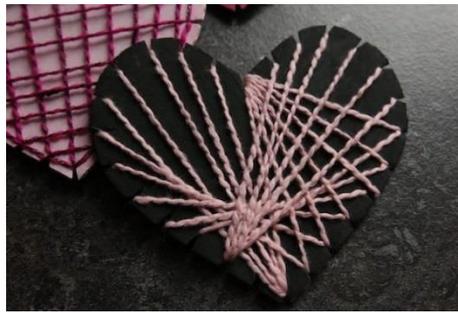
Materials:

Sticks
Yarn
Scissors
Embellishments like pom poms, googly eyes, beads (optional)

This is a simple and fun project that focuses on wrapping and knotting. Gather some unique sticks from your yard or on a hike and begin! You can have fun selecting colors and talking about pattern and rhythm in art. Pattern is when something is repeated in a predictable way and rhythm is something repeated more randomly. Pattern is predictable "PP" and Rhythm is random "RR". Turn your sticks into people or animals or tie or glue them together to make an interesting sculpture, mobile or wall art!

[How to make a yarn stick](#)

String Art for Kids



Materials:

Cardboard scraps cut into shapes
Scrap yarns in assorted colors
Scissors and or hole punch
Plastic yarn needle (optional)

This project can reinforce some geometry terms such as different angles and shapes while also practicing more fine motor skills. Simply cut some cardboard into basic geometric shapes and cut little notches along the edge for wrapping the yarn or string. You could also use a hole punch to make holes for adding some stitching techniques too!

[Make a string art star](#)

Credits

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