

Yarn Paintings

Ages 8 and Up

This project comes from the Huichol (pronounced WEE-cho) people in Mexico. Their colorful yarn paintings tell stories about their traditions and beliefs.

I recommend keeping your yarn paintings on the small side so that they can be completed in less than an hour. You can find cotton yarn in any craft store. Look for the brand name "Sugar and Cream." It works really well and comes in lots of great colors.



Materials:

4"x 6" piece of mat board – size can vary

100% Cotton Yarn – look for brand name **Sugar and Cream**

White Glue and Paint Brush

Popsicle Stick

Scissors

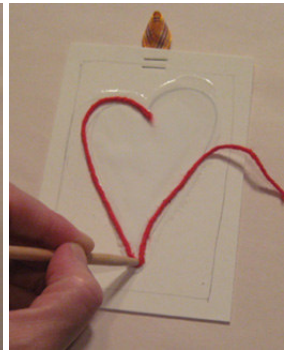
Directions:

1. Staple a loop of ribbon to the back of the mat board piece.
2. Lightly draw your design with pencil. Keep your designs simple and large. The smaller the shapes the harder they are to fill with string.
3. Spread a layer of white glue just on the area you want to fill in.
4. Place string on the outside of the shape then wind the string around until the shape is filled in. Try not to leave any spaces between the courses of string. A popsicle stick helps to position the string while keeping your fingers out of the glue.
5. Once an area is filled in, trim the string with scissors.
6. Continue to fill in areas with the colored yarn.

3.



4.



4. (continued)



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