



Project Idea: Make String Art

Recommended for Step 3: Experiment with the elements, Choice 1: Explore line and texture

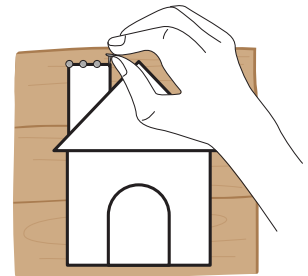
Setup: String art is made from strings that are layered to create lines, shapes, textures, and even colors.

Materials needed:

- 1 piece of soft wood, around 1 foot x 1 foot
- 1 ¼-inch nails (16-18 gauge)
- String, yarn, or embroidery floss
- Hammer
- Clear nail polish
- Safety glasses
- Scissors
- Thick marker
- Pencil
- Paper

Activity:

1. Draw a simple line drawing on paper, such as a heart or house. This is your stencil.
2. Place the stencil where you want the design, or draw your design directly, on the piece of wood.
3. Hammer nails, spaced evenly about ¼ inch apart, along the outline of your design into the wood. Don't hammer them in too deeply—you'll be wrapping string around each nail. Use the height of the first nail as a marker for how deep the rest of the nails will go in.



Caution! Wear safety glasses. Tie back long hair. Be careful swinging the hammer—be mindful of your fingers and other people around you.

4. Tie a double knot around one nail. Apply a dot of clear nail polish on the double knot to hold it in place. Once the nail polish has completely dried, clip the tail of the string.
5. Outline the design by wrapping the string completely around each nail, moving from nail to nail. Keep the string tight as you wrap around the nails.
6. Fill in the design any way you'd like—loop the string randomly or in a pattern between the nails to fill the shape as much as you want!
7. When the design is filled, tie a double knot around a nail and apply a dot of clear nail polish to hold it in place. Once the nail polish has completely dried, clip the tail of the string.

