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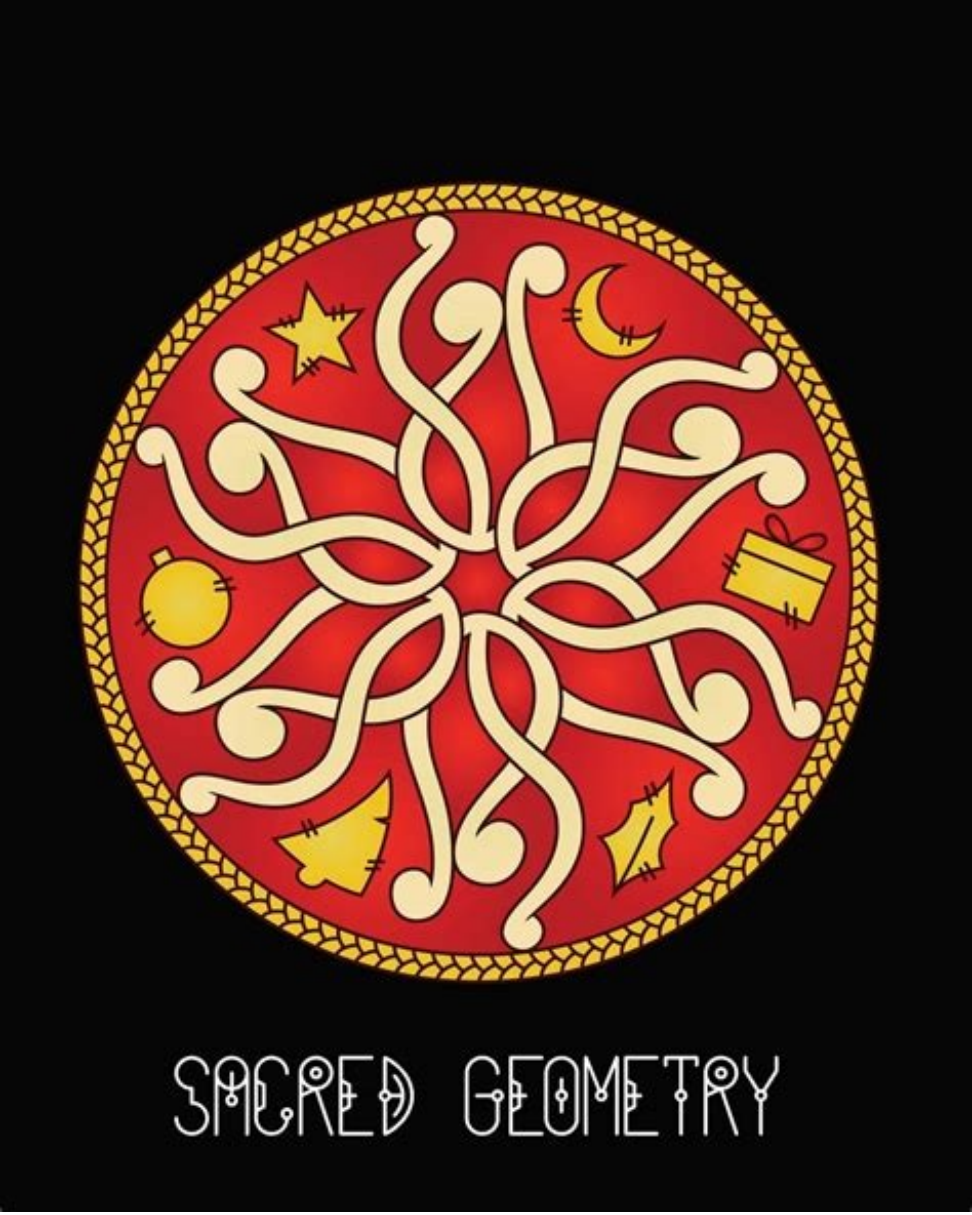

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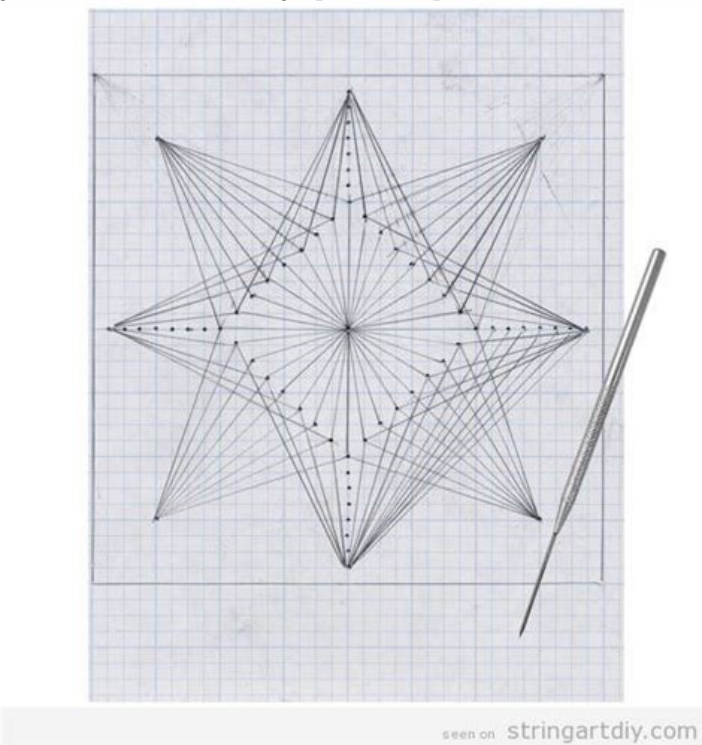
Free geometric string art patterns

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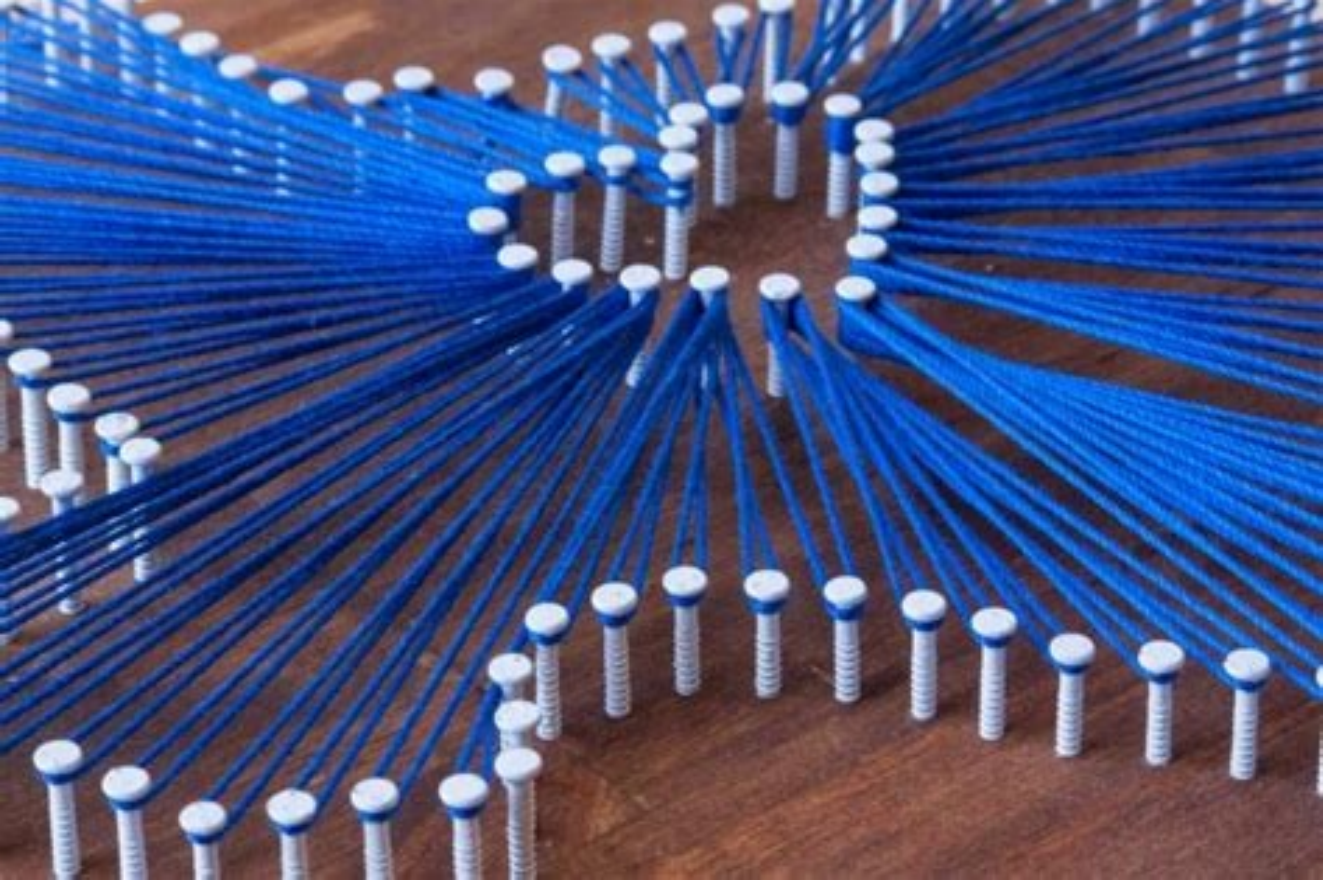
Disclosure: This post contains affiliate links. Click here to read my affiliate policy. String art is - as the name suggests - art that's created primarily out of string.



Often known as pin and thread art, string art is one of the most eye-catching and versatile DIY projects that are suitable for both novice and experienced crafters alike. We've put together a roundup of the best free string art patterns with instructions to get you started on your next great make! One of the best things about string art is that you don't need any specialist equipment or need to be a talented artist. All you need is a hammer, nails, a wooden board (or even some scrap wood), some string or embroidery floss, and some imagination. Lots of free string art templates can be found online, which does the hardest part for you. Follow the outline with your nails, and wrap your embroidery floss around the nails to bring the design to life. The string crisscrosses around the nails creating a complex geometric pattern that's gorgeous. If you're new to string art, we've scoured the internet to find the best free string art patterns and projects to help you inspire to create your own beautiful pieces for your home or to give as thoughtful gifts. Plus, we've put together our own comprehensive and easy-to-follow tutorial, so even if you've never tried string art before, you'll be crafting like a pro in no time. Just be careful, once you've started, you'll become addicted very quickly. String art is so easy, enjoyable, and rather therapeutic. It's great to be able to switch off for a few hours as you wind the string around the nails and watch your design come to life. If you're a craft novice, you don't need to worry about needing tools or skills. You may have all you need at home already, which makes string art an affordable craft project. If our picks of the best string art ideas have inspired you to get crafting, take a look at our string art tutorial, which has all the information you need to create your piece of stylish wall art. The supplies you need to make your piece of string art are not hard to find. If you don't already have them at home they can easily be picked up at any craft store or online. You'll need: A wooden board, even a piece of scrap wood or offcut would do, which won't cost a penny. Otherwise pre-cut boards of all shapes and sizes can be bought at your local hardware or hobby store. The size is totally up to you.Flat-topped nails, these are a great choice, will hold the string in place when you wrap the string around. We like linoleum nails as they're a perfect size and give a neat finish. But you can choose any type of flat-topped nail you like.Embroidery thread, which comes in almost any color you can imagine, to create personalized string art. For a more natural or rustic look, you could use natural jute twine or a macrame cord.A hammer which isn't too heavy so it is easy to manage. Small ball peen hammers (this one comes highly recommended) or jewelry hammers are a good choice. Take a few minutes to think about your design, whether you want to create an abstract piece, a word or a phrase, or a picture of something close to your heart.If you feel confident in your drawing skills you can draw them out directly onto your board. If you want to get it perfect, there are numerous free string art patterns online that you can print out at home. Before attaching your template to your board, flip it over and put masking tape over all the backside of the outline. This reinforces your template, so you'll have an easier time keeping the template from tearing and it'll be easier to remove, too. Of course, it stands to reason that you should choose a bit of wood that fits your design and is thick enough for your nails to be hammered to a depth of about half an inch. If you're using offcuts of wood like we often do, you may have to glue several pieces of wood together first. Just make sure you use strong wood glue like this one and make sure it's level before you clamp the wood together securely for the glue to dry. Using different pieces of wood to make a canvas for your string art may take longer, but you can create something really interesting, and you're reducing waste. How you prepare your wood is entirely up to you. If you want a smooth and polished finish, give your wood a good sand, and finish with a danish oil or varnish. If you want a natural and rustic look, you can leave the wood unfinished or choose a board with its bark remaining. Other ideas include painting the wood or giving it a shabby chic finish. Alternatives to a wood canvas include MDF, plywood, a corkboard, and a sturdy crafting foam. Once your wood is prepared and your design is mapped out, you're ready to move onto nailing your piece. Here are a few things to consider: Distance between the nails - How close together your nails are, depends on how you want the finished piece to look. For a more opaque finish, place your nails close together, or for a more geometric look, you can place your nails further apart.Evenly spaced nails - For a polished piece of string art, it's key that your nails are as evenly spaced as possible.



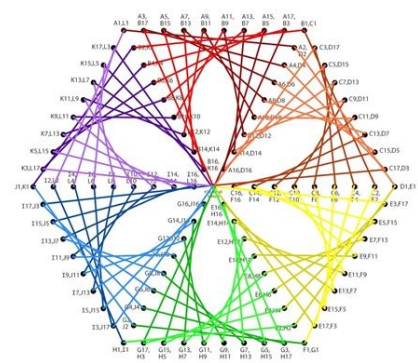
I do this by placing two marks on a string and using them to measure the distance between my nails. Simple.Nail depth - Try to embed your nails to the same depth, to keep your design looking even, and make sure they are deep enough to feel secure.Nail color - We like polished silver nails as they stand out against your design, but if you want a more rustic look you might choose copper or black nails.



As long as the nail is flat-topped, the color choice is yours. I'm not the best at hammering nails evenly and straight, so I use needle-nose pliers to hold the nail in place, which works every time. Plus, they enable you to hammer nails safely without injuring yourself. Now it's time to start having some real fun - getting to work with the string: If necessary remove your paper pattern.Choose your string and tie it to the first nail, leaving a tail for tying off when you're all done.If you're using embroidery floss, use all six threads to avoid breakages when the string is pulled taut. When you reach a corner or need to change the direction of the string, wrap the string tightly around the nail. This will keep the string tight, maintaining the integrity of your design. Once you have outlined the string, you can start filling in your design by crisscrossing your string, wrapping it from nail to nail. There is no set method for this. Our most successful designs have come from when we have switched off our brains and let the string guide us. Just go from side to side and top to bottom and watch your piece of string art come to life. If you are coming close to the end of a piece of string, try to end it where you left your tail of string at the beginning. Knot the ends of your strings tightly together and keep wrapping your string until you've reached your desired effect. Tie off the end of your string and clip the tails. Now all you need to do is find a place to display your unique piece of art. We bet it won't be long until you're planning your next string art project, why not make it a thoughtful and unique gift for a loved one? We've already given you a few handy hints to help make your string art project a success, but we have a few more pro tips to help you achieve the best possible outcome. A bent nail can be removed easily with a pair of pliers, but this could leave a hole in your wood that is too big to hold a nail. The best thing to do is to try and avoid bent nails altogether. You can do this by: Using needle-nose pliers to keep your nails straight as you hammer them into the board.Pre-drilling holes for your nails to go into, this means less hammering, while still having secure nails.Not placing your nail too close together, which should help prevent you from hitting more than one nail at a time and knocking some off-center. If you want to make string word art, you'll need to choose a wide font, so there is room for two tracks for nails on each letter. Plus, avoiding overly fancy fonts will keep your design nice and crisp, and most importantly, legible. Boost the visual impact of your string art by incorporating different colors of string. We find contrasting colors (i.e. opposite one another on the color wheel) work well, as similar tones can get lost in one another, looking 'muddy'. Absolutely, there are several string art methods that don't require nails at all, for example: Use screws instead of nails, which will give a rustic and almost industrial feel to your string art.You can use a corkboard or foam as your can and push pins instead of nails for some kid-friendly string art. Of course, it can and in a couple of different ways. The first is by marking out your chosen design on your canvas with small finishing nails and wrapping your chosen string around them until you've reached the desired effect. The second method is by punching holes into your canvas and 'sewing' your design onto the canvas with a large needle and your embroidery thread. This method could also be used on heavy card stock to create framable gifts. 7 May, 2013 Betty Bose Uncategorized This is a craft that has been around for some time, but never loses it's appeal. Also a good exercise for measuring and graphing. Pencils Graph Paper Cardstock Glue Sticks Large Needle* *To be used under the supervision of a responsible adult. Instructions Step 1: Use a glue stick to glue a piece of graph paper to the back of a black piece of cardstock. Step 2: Draw an 8 inch square with the pencil. Using the graph lines as guides, draw points to make a symmetrical pattern design. Step 3: Use a pencil and ruler to draw horizontal target lines across the paper to connect the points.



Use the needle tool to punch a hole through each point. Step 4: Cut 3 ft. of string and thread the #18 needle. Pull the string through the first hole and tape the string to the paper to secure the end. Next, push the needle through the first hole on the target line from the front side of the paper. Return to the point hole and repeat this procedure for each hole on the target line. Continue passing the string through the point holes to complete the first layer. Step 5: Repeat the complete procedure using the other point holes. With two point holes and one target line you will make a diamond shape design on this layer. Step 6: Repeat the complete procedure using the next set of point holes. On this layer you are creating four outer spokes on the design. Step 7: Repeat the procedure one more time using the last set of point holes.



On this layer you are finishing the middle of the design. Trim out the 8 inch square.
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