

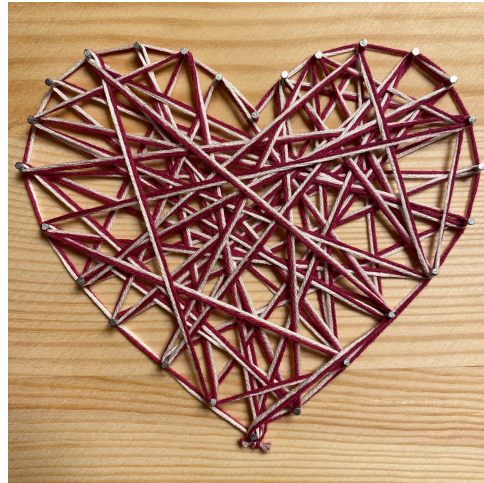
# Take & Make String Art!

## Materials Provided:

- 5x5 Wooden Square
- Heart Template
- 2 Skeins of Thread
- 26 Nails

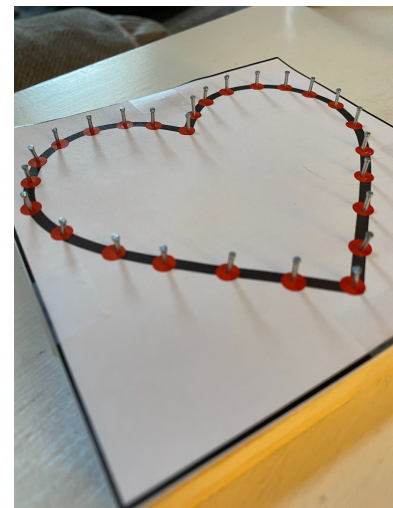
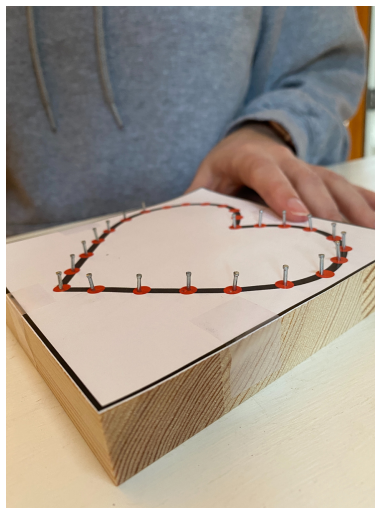
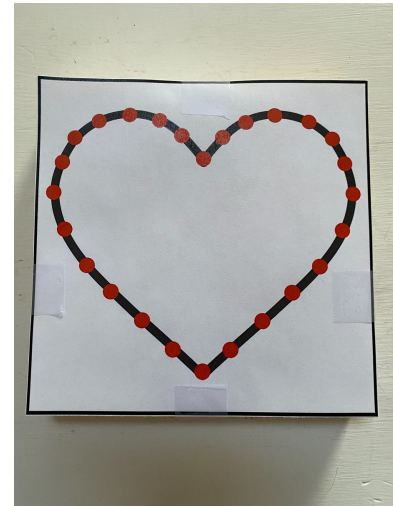
## Additional Materials Needed:

- Tape
- Hammer
- Scissors
- Paint (Optional)

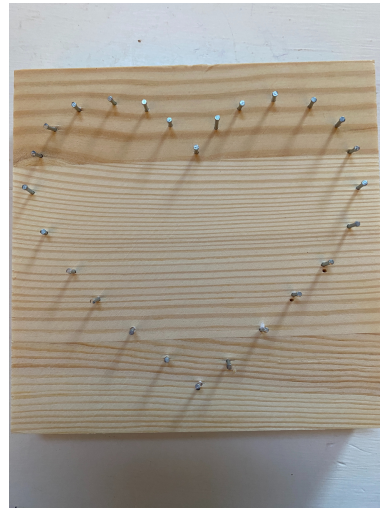
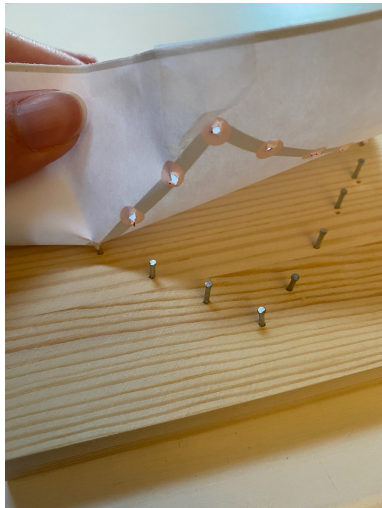


## Directions:

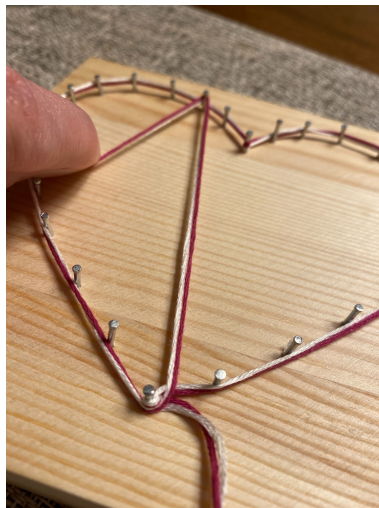
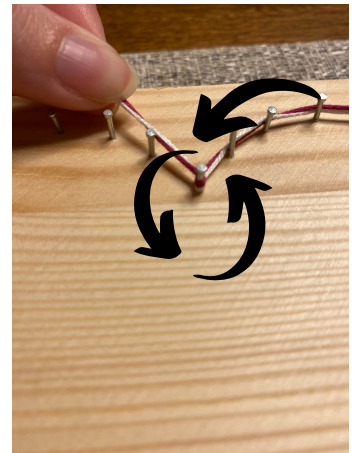
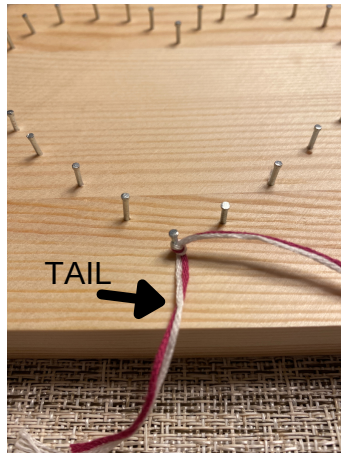
- If you would like, you may paint your wood square before you start. If you do, wait until it's completely dry before moving on to the next step.
- Tape your template onto the wooden square. This will hold the paper in place as you hammer in the nails.
- Next, begin hammering in the nails:
  - Line up each nail in the center of a red dot and CAREFULLY hammer it into place.
  - Try to keep the nails as straight as possible, but don't worry if they're not perfect (mine certainly weren't)
  - You also want to keep the nails at approximately the same height, about 1/4 of an inch high.
  - Once you begin hammering a nail keep going. If you pull out the nail to reposition it, you'll have extra holes in the wood. Not the end of the world, but just something to keep in mind. My dad made this mistake while trying to "help".



- Once all the nails are in place you can gently tear off the template.



- In your kit, you have 2 different colored skeins of thread. For the next part of this craft, you can use both colors together (like I did in the pictures) or just 1 of the colors.
- Knot the thread around the bottom-point nail.
  - Be sure to leave a "tail" that you will use when finishing off your work.
- Wrap the thread around the outside of the nails, this will create an outline of the heart.
  - When you get to the top-point nail wrap the thread around the nail completely, to act as an anchor.
- Once you finish creating the outline, begin wrapping the thread around the nails to fill in the heart.
  - I did this step randomly, but you can do it more methodically if you'd like!



- When you're satisfied with how the heart looks, tie the thread in a knot with the "tail" you left at the bottom-point nail.
- Cut the thread as close to the knot as you can.

