



Fall String Art Project

Supplies:

- 9x9-inch precut wood plaque
- scissors
- small nails
- Hammer
- heavy thread or string
- Masking tape
- Image outline

Basic String Art Instructions:

1. Create a template to use for your design. This can be a phrase or simple illustration. Select something with a clear and simple outline. (For this class a leaf design has been provided for you.)
2. Measure and mark a dot every half inch all the way around your design. (For this class, your design has already been marked with dots.)

3. Tape your design in place on your wood surface.
4. Using finishing nails, hammer one nail into each dot marked on your design. Leave about half of the nail above the wood. Continue inserting nails around the design, ensuring that nails are all the same height.
5. After all the nails have been inserted



around the design, carefully peel back the paper to reveal your nail outline.

6. **Time to string!** Attach your string to one nail using a double knot. Trim excess string and apply a small dot of glue to hold it in place.
7. Keep the string taut and start wrapping around nails. Weave your string back and forth in any pattern you choose. Occasionally, wrap the string around the same nail twice. This will create a more

**There's no wrong way to thread and weave around the nails. You could do it immediately across from the current nail or weave up and down or side to side. You can create a very orderly design or move around the design in a random pattern. And the beauty of string art? If you mess up, just unweave and try again. This part is all about experimenting.

8. Continue wrapping string within the outline of the nails until you are happy with the design.

Optional: Create a border around your design. By weaving in and out between the nails along the outline of nails. Repeat wrapping the string on the opposite side.

9. When you are satisfied with your string pattern, knot the string to a nail. Then cut off the string as close to the knot as possible and secure it with a dot of glue. **Tip:** Make sure it's tied nice and tight so your project doesn't come unraveled.

