

PROJECT: Weaving Yarn Butterfly Wall Art – Ages 5+ (Young children may need adult assistance)

MATERIALS:

- 8 Craft Sticks (Regular 4.5 inch – NOT jumbo)
- 4 pipe cleaners (11 inch) 8 Wood Beads
- One dowel or stick about 16 inch
- Yarn for the butterfly bodies (4 pieces 26 ft. ea./one color per butterfly)
- White yarn (4 pieces 16 inch and 1 20 inch)

DIRECTIONS:

STEP ONE: Starting the Body.

1. Place two Craft sticks into an X.
2. Using wing yarn, Tie a tight knot in the center of the stacked sticks.
3. Wind the yarn around the center of the X in both directions.

STEP TWO: Making the wings.

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION you are WEAVING not WRAPPING. Look at picture 24 to see how the weave will look when you are finished.

4. Turn the X sideways and work on one half of the X at a time.
5. Bring yarn under (behind) the top right stick. You will be at the top right of the X.
6. Now being weaving. Bring down over the top stick and go under the bottom stick. Continue weaving by bring up over the bottom stick and go up under the top stick
7. Bring down over the top stick and go down under the bottom stick.
8. Repeat steps 7 and 8. Note you will always go under each stick first and then go on top.
9. Continue weaving until there is only about 1/4 of an inch of the stick showing
10. Tie off the end by cutting the yarn (leave about 4 inches) and make a knot at the end.
11. Weave or tuck the loose end into the weaved yarn
12. Start second wing by tying new piece of yarn to the tail of the X and bring the yarn under the top stick on the left.
13. Bring down over the top of the stick and go under the bottom stick.
14. Bring up over the bottom stick and go down under the top stick.
15. Repeat steps 14 and 15. Note you will always go under each stick first and then go on top.
16. Finish as in steps 11 and 12.

STEP THREE: Finishing the Body.

17. Cut a pipe cleaner into two equal pieces.
18. Thread both ends of the pipe cleaner through a bead for the head.
19. Push the bead down about 1.5". Open up the bottom of the pipe cleaners and place over the center of the body.
20. Add second bead at the bottom and push both beads tight to complete body.
21. Twist the two top and two bottom pipe cleaners to make a swirl.
22. Tie a piece of white yarn around the top of the antenna and knot in the back.
23. Turn over and draw a face on the front of the top bead.

REPEAT STEPS 1-23 to Make a Total of 4 Butterflies.

STEP FOUR: Hanging Butterflies from Dowel or Stick.

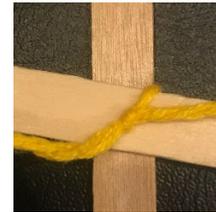
24. Hang your butterflies on the white string at whatever length you want from the dowel. It is good to have two higher and two lower.
25. Tie a white string at each end of the dowel to whatever length you want your butterfly wall hanging to be.

You are finished! Enjoy your project!

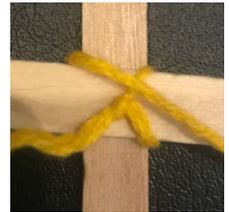
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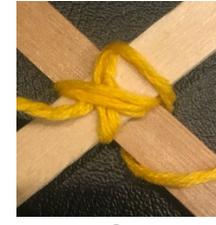
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