

Mason Jar String Art

Supplies:

- Plywood board
- Mason jar pattern
- Nails
- White twine
- Wall hanger
- Hammer
- Elmer's white glue
- Scotch tape
- Embellishments/fake flowers
- Sandpaper
- Paint or stain (if desired)
- Paint brush (if needed)
- Gloves for stain (if needed)
- Newspaper (if needed)



Directions:



1. Optional - You may skip this step if you want to keep board background as is. Use sandpaper to smooth sides and edges if needed. If desired, use stain or paint to design a background on the plywood board. Remember to lay down newspaper and use gloves if needed! Let dry.

2. Bubble cut around the pattern as shown in the image. Decide where you would like the mason jar to be located on the board. If you are going to add flowers, remember to leave a good amount of space at the top. Tape the mason jar pattern to your board.

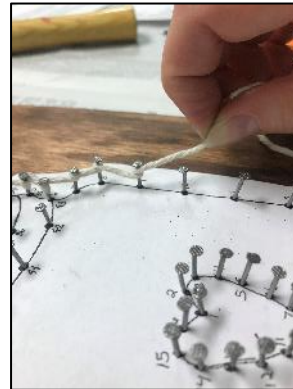


- Using the small circles as your guide for placement, begin pounding the nails through the paper into your board. (Don't worry, you will remove the paper later.) Try to pound the nails a little more than half way into the board. You want them to be secure but also have enough room for the string to wrap around them. It is recommended that you first pound in the nails that form the heart, then the nails that form the rings around the top of the jar, and lastly the nails that form the outline. That way you don't have to reach over any nails as you go. When finished, lay your hand across the design to check that the nails are relatively even and secure.



- Using the twine, tie a double knot around nail #1 on the top left corner of the jar. Make sure you are near the end of the twine so you have plenty to use for the rest of the project.

- Form the Jar's Outline:** Begin wrapping the string around each nail counter-clockwise. Follow the numbers in order all of the way around the jar, ending at #43. **DO NOT TIE OFF THE TWINE.** (You will notice that some of the nails have two numbers associated with them. Just follow them in number order. Some nails will get wrapped with the twine more than once.)



- Holding the string in one hand, use your other hand to gently push the twine to the bottom of each nail that forms the jar's outline. This will give you the room you need to form the heart's rays.

- Form the rays of the heart:** Starting at nail #43, continue wrapping the twine around each nail counter-clockwise in the number order given below. It may be helpful to have someone read them to you as you go. The black numbers represent the nails that form the jar's outline & the red numbers represent the nails that form the heart's outline. You will be stretching the string from one to the other to create the rays. Some nails will be used more than once, just push the string down as you wrap it to create more room on the nail.



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8. Holding the string in one hand, use your other hand to gently push down the twine to the bottom of each nail that forms the heart's outline.
9. Now, wrap the twine around the heart shape to give it a more finished look. You do not need to wrap each individual nail this time. When you get back to nail #1 in the heart shape, tie the string to #1.



Once it is securely fastened, cut off the excess string and place a dab of glue on the knot to secure it. Cut off the excess string from the starting point as well and dab it with glue.

10. Let the glue dry a bit before carefully tearing off the paper pattern. It may be helpful to use a needle nose pliers or a tweezers.



11. Flip the board over and attach the wall hanger using the small nails provided and your hammer.

12. Add fake or dried flowers to your jar by sticking the stems behind the twine. Add any other embellishments to make it unique. Use a Cricut machine or stencil to add a saying. Be creative!



Helpful Tips:

- Be sure to keep string tight when going from nail to nail until you reach the end and tie off. If your string becomes loose it will slip off of the nail and will begin to unravel the whole jar.
- Use your jar for all seasons by interchanging different flowers or embellishments for the different seasons

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