



Encounter Craft – 15th November This week – Fun with String

String can be shaped, painted, woven and pulled to create some really unusual art!

Squiggle String



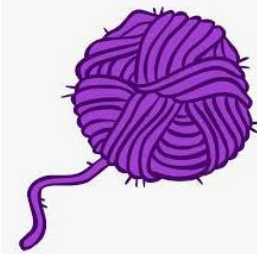
Take lengths of string or wool. If it is string then you can dip it into paint and let it dry on a suitable surface. Then dip it into white craft glue and lay it onto a piece of paper, moving it to make interesting loops and shapes. When the glue is dry you can then paint the gaps in different colours, taking care not to

have the same colour in two adjoining spaces!

Pulled String Paintings

This can give beautiful results. First put lengths of string into different coloured pots of paint. Take a sheet of paper, fold it in half and place it open in the middle of an open book – one you don't mind getting paint on! Take an individual length of string from a paint pot, take off the excess paint with your fingers and then lay it down on the paper. Close the book and then pull the string out carefully. Open the book and have a look! This creates a lovely pattern. You can continue the process with different lengths of string in different colours to create something truly unique!





String Pencil Pots



Dip your lengths of string into paint and leave them to dry. Cover the bottom third of a clean jam jar with glue and then carefully wrap a length of the string around it. Then do the next third in the same way and then the last section so you reach the top of the jar. Tuck the last piece of string inside the top and glue it down. The one on the left has a length of lace added around the middle. You can add other decorations if you would like to, such as pom poms or stick on gems (but

glue them firmly). You could even write someone's name in string around the outside and give it to them as a gift!

Stringy Snowflakes

To make these pretty snowflakes, draw very simple snowflake shapes (templates attached) with a dry-wipe marker onto a piece from a plastic container (such as a takeaway box). Cut them out and rub off the marker lines. Cut small lines into the snowflake to hold the wool or string that you are going to use. Thread it back and forth through the cuts to create a pattern. Stick down the end and leave a length to hang your piece. You could then cut out coloured paper to stick on the back. If you do this, use the template for the snowflake, cut it out, fold it into four and cut random pieces from it. Unfold and then stick it to the back of the plastic. There you have it!



HAVE FUN!!



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