

# String Art



**Share the love with a handmade card!**

Put love in every stitch when you create a heartfelt valentine out of needle and thread.

*Kit includes supplies for one card.*

## String Art Cards

### Supplies:

#### Included:

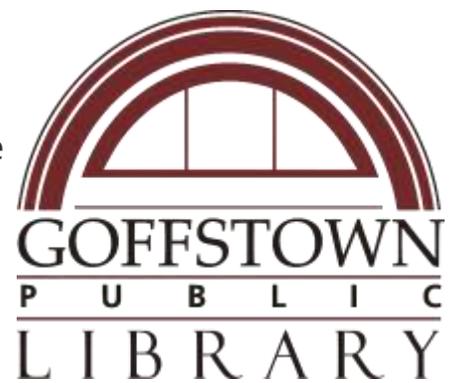
- Paper postcard four by six inches (4"x6")
- Envelope
- Large eye needle
- Length of embroidery floss approximately fourteen feet long (14')
- Pattern

#### Not Included:

- Tape
- Scissors
- Pen/pencil
- Thumbtack (optional)

### Instructions:

1. Cut out the pattern with scissors (**Fig. 1**).
2. Lay the pattern on the postcard and trace (**Fig. 2**). The side with the tracings will be the back side of the finished product.
3. Using your needle or a thumbtack, poke holes in along the traced lines (**Fig. 3**). The more holes you use the more densely packed your string art will be. But use caution, too many holes will compromise the integrity of the paper. Your result will look like **Fig. 4**.
4. Flip your postcard over so you are looking at the front. Push your needle or thumbtack through every hole again, aiming to push the displaced bits of paper to the back. This will provide your finished product with a cleaner look. See the difference in **Fig. 5**.
5. Flip your postcard over so you are looking at the back. Tape one (1) end of the embroidery floss to the inside of the heart, slightly off center, as in **Fig. 6**.
6. Thread your needle with the other end of the embroidery floss (**Fig. 7**).
7. Still looking at the back of the postcard, push your threaded needle through the middle of the heart and pull through (**Fig. 8**).



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8. Position your needle under a pre-poked hole and push through (**Fig. 9**).
9. Working in a circle, continue (**Fig. 10**) sending your needle through the middle hole, to an outer hole, through the middle hole, to an outer hole, until you've stitched around the entire heart as in **Fig 11**.
10. Still looking at the back of the postcard, tie your remaining embroidery floss to previous stitches with a knot (**Fig. 12**).
11. Weave the remaining floss into previous stitches to help secure the tail (**Fig. 13**), and then cut away remaining thread.
12. On the front side of the postcard, decorate with embellishments or add a personal message (**Fig. 14**).

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Figure 1

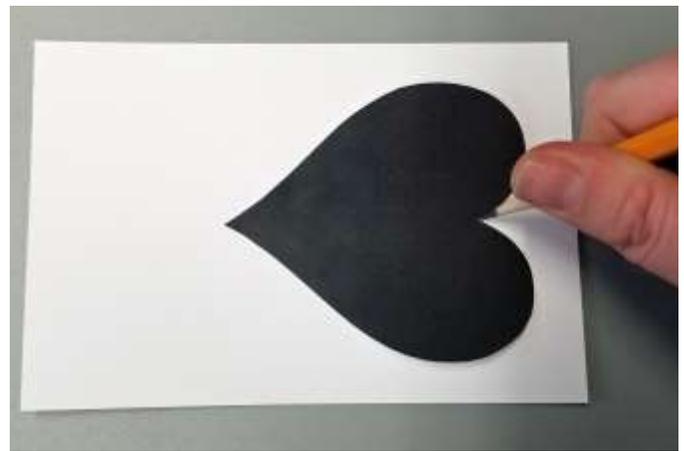


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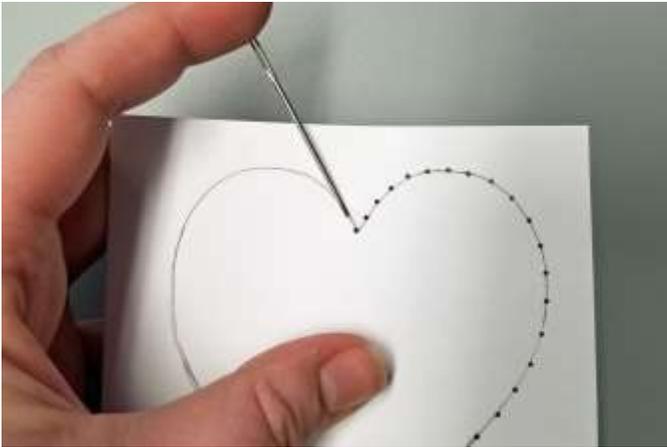


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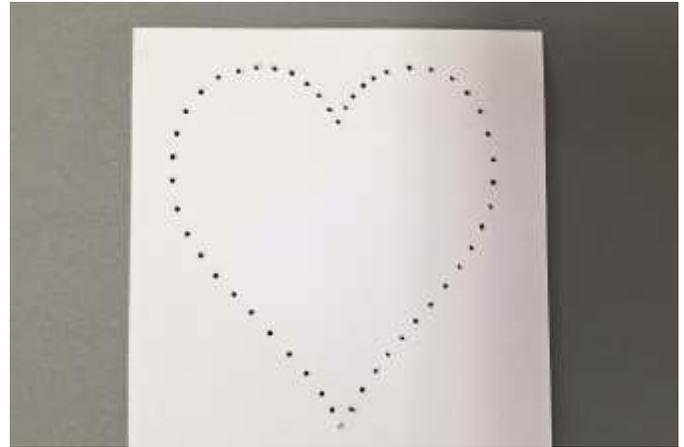


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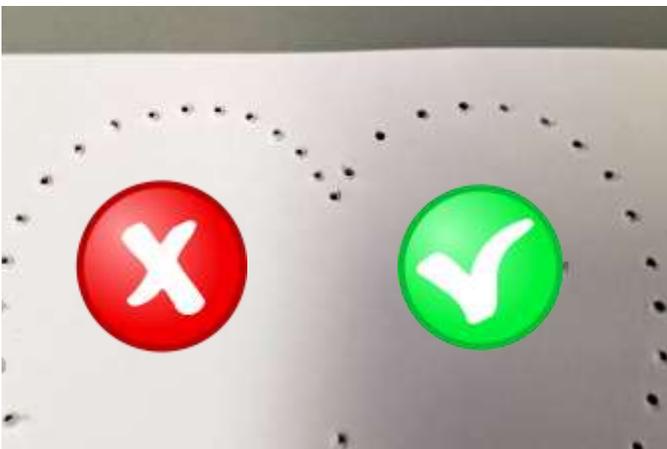


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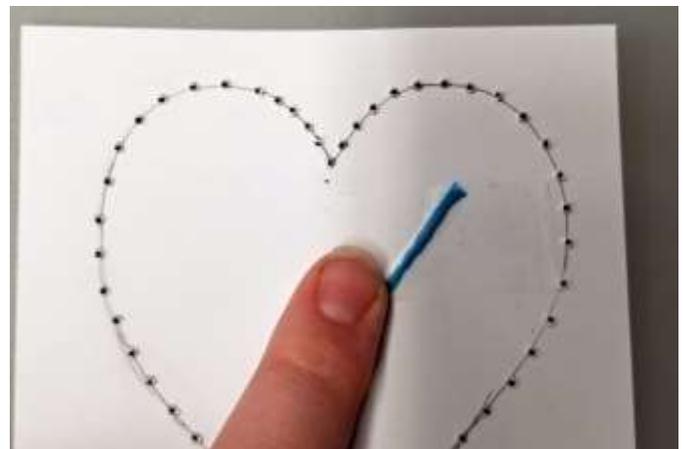


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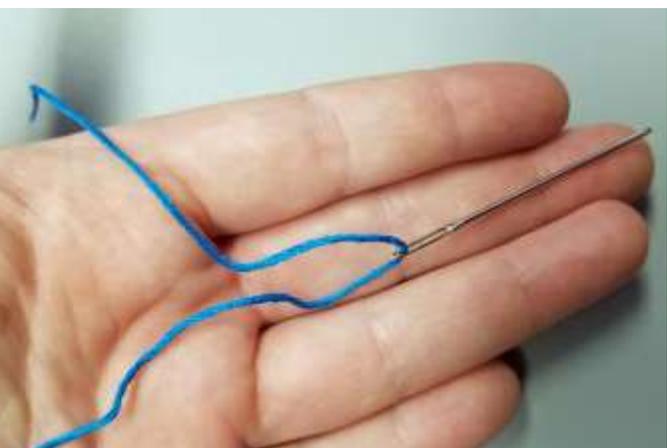


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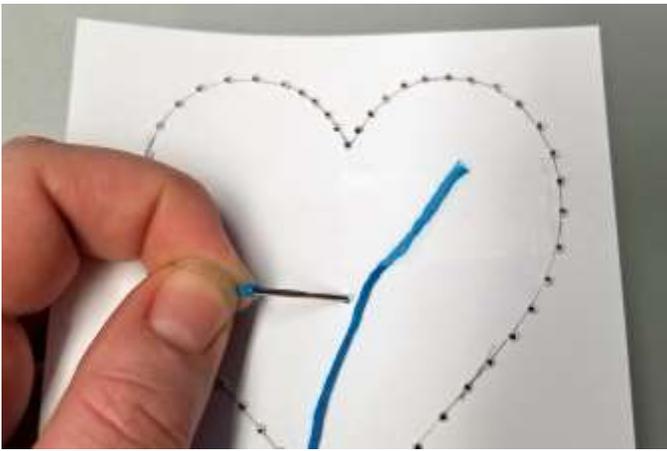


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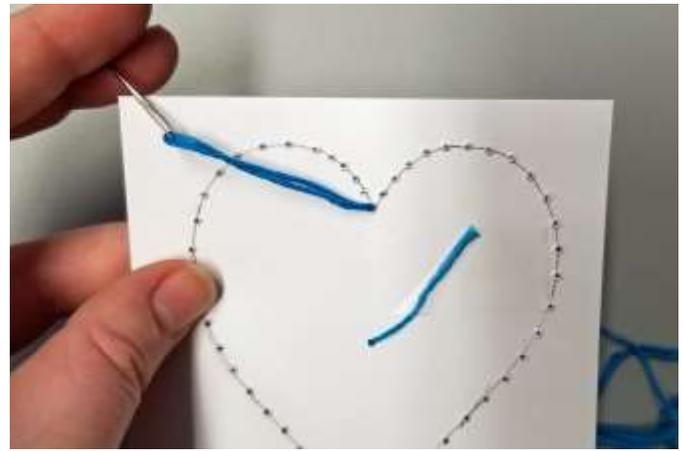


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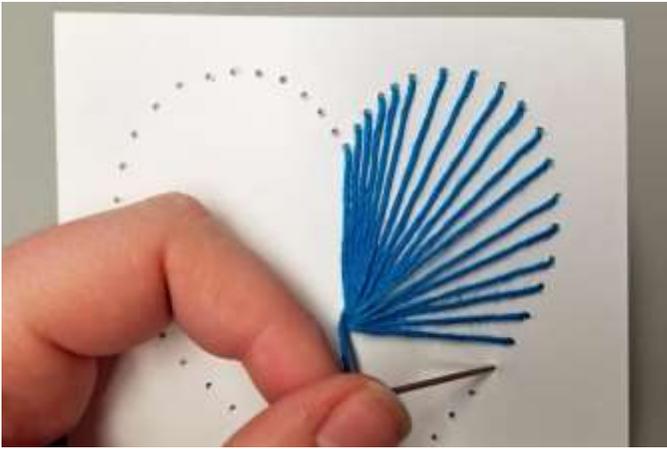


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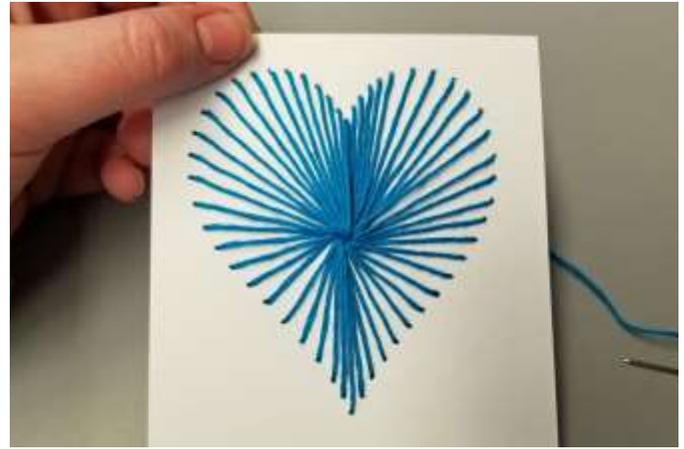


Figure 11



Figure 12



Figure 13



Figure 14



**Pattern**

