

# THE ART OF String

**String** can be found in many artworks! Even our own **fibre art collection** has some examples, like **Vessna Perunovich's Safe At Home**, which is our inspiration for this project!

In **Safe At Home**, Vessna uses elasticized thread and pins to form the structure of a house. These simple materials allow us to focus on the message of the artwork.



Vessna Perunovich, **Safe At Home**, 2004, elastic thread and pins. Acquired with the assistance of the Starry Starry Night Committee.

## 'HEART STRINGS'

### Materials You Will Need:

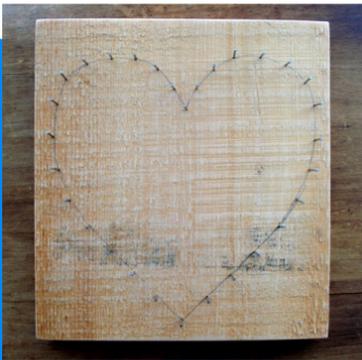
- thick cardboard ; scrap of wood; or foam core
- paper
- string; yarn; ribbon; or embroidery floss
- pins; tacks; or standard nails
- pencil
- scissors
- hammer
- optional: paint and paintbrush
- optional: fabric and glue
- optional: ruler

### STEP 1 PREP

Trim your piece of paper so that it is the same size as your board.  
Optional: paint your board or cover in the fabric of your choice.

### STEP 3 HAMMER + NAILS

Starting at the bottom point of the heart, hammer in the nails about 2 cm apart. Follow your outline until you are back at the start.



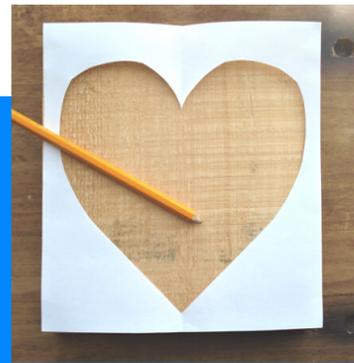
### STEP 5 FINISH

To finish, tie the string in a double knot around any nail and trim the ends.



### STEP 2 STENCIL

Fold your piece of paper in half. Starting on the folded edge of the paper, draw one half of a heart, leaving space at the top and bottom. Keeping the paper folded, cut along the line you just drew. Using a pencil, lightly trace the heart shape on your board.



### STEP 4 STRING WRAP

Take your string and tie it around any nail using a double knot. Then wrap the string around another nail, keeping it taut. Repeat until the heart is filled in. Optional: try adding in a second colour of string!

