

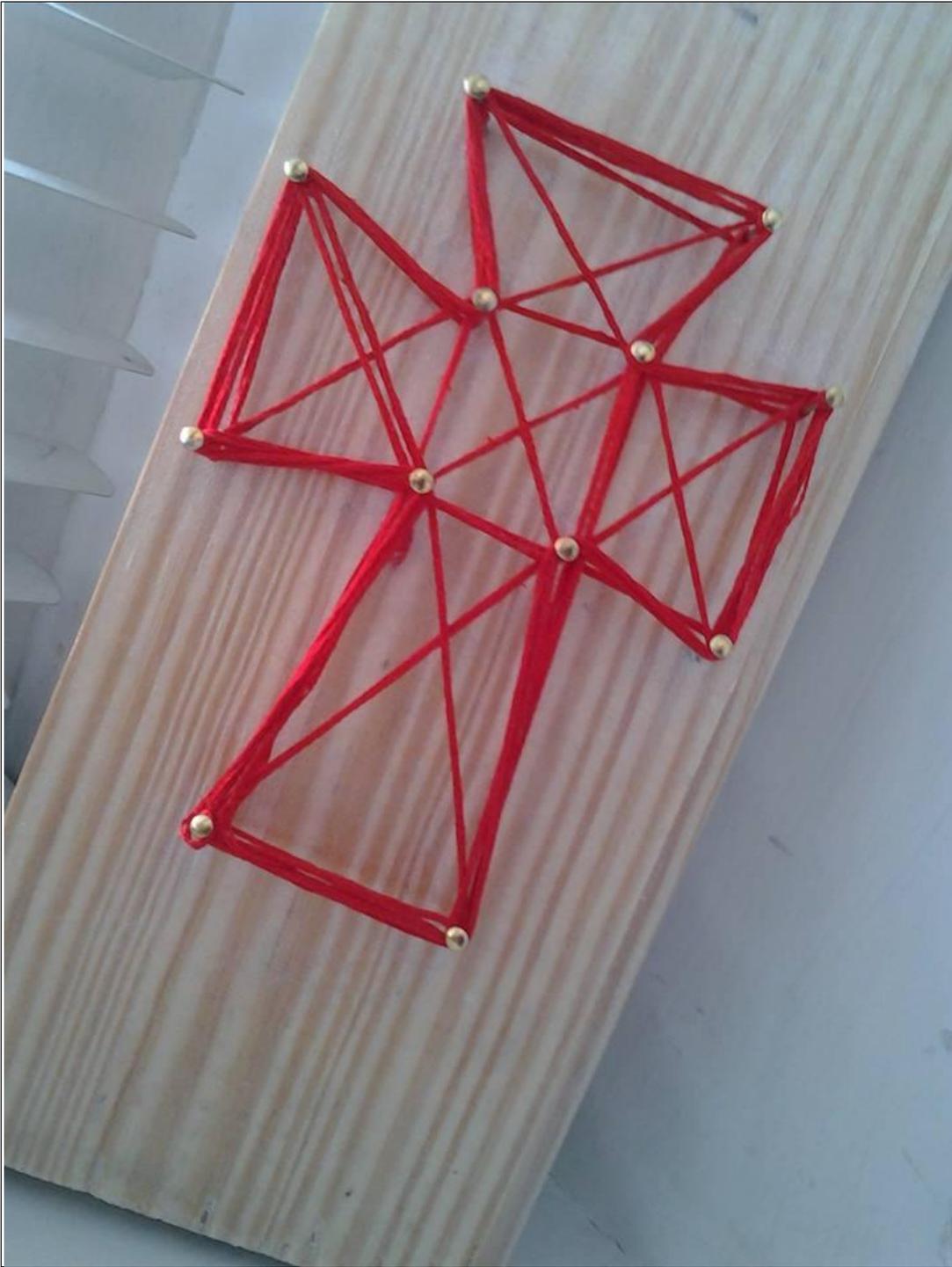
# Cross string art

Materials: scrap of wood at least 3.25"x 5"; sandpaper; copy of cross template; 12 half inch finishing nails; hammer; paint/brush (optional); embroidery floss; scissors

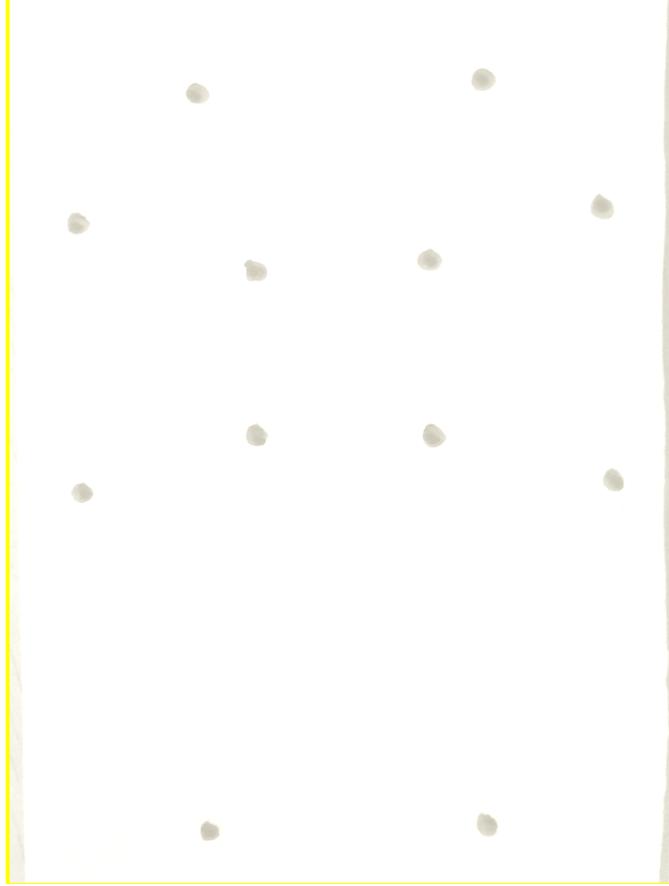
Directions:

1. Sand any rough edges of the wood, until smooth. Brush dust away with your hand.
2. (Optional) If desired, paint wood and allow it to dry. Sand edges to "antique" the painted wood, if desired.
3. Partially nail each of the nails into the wood, in this pattern (adjusting as needed to fit the size of the wood). Leave as much of each nail exposed as possible, hammering it into to wood just enough to adequately hold it firmly in place.
4. Select a color of embroidery floss. Tie its end to one of the nails, trimming the excess on the short side of the knot, as needed.
5. Wrap the long end of the floss around one nail at a time, working your way around the shape of the cross. Two or more times around the outside edge is recommended for maximum visibility.
6. To fill the cross shape, wrap floss around a nail, then cross it (inside the cross shape) to another nail and wrap again. Continue until the inside of the cross is decorated. (Note: play with different designs and crossover patterns to achieve the look you prefer. Many different filling options exist.)
7. (Optional) At any time, tie off one color (around a nail, as when beginning) and begin with another, continuing until you are pleased with the results.

*Note: If working with children on this project, decide in advance how much of it you wish them to complete on their own, and prepare accordingly. Some children can handle the nailing; others cannot. Extra adult assistance may also be necessary for the floss-wrapping process; especially for the tying-off of each floss.*



**cross string art sample**



**cross string art template**