

Introduction

Threading crafts are a fantastic way to improve fine motor skills, an important pre-writing skill for kids.

Little hands need lots of practice, so read on to learn about three different threading crafts: a threading grid, some yarn-wrapping decorations, and a threaded paper plate bag!

Supplies

- Paper plates
- Cardboard
- Yarn (variety of colors)
- Scissors

Markers

Hole punch



Instructions

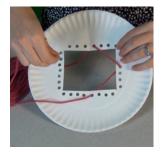
• Yarn threading grid: Fold paper plate in half and cut a rectangle out of the center. Then, unfold the plate and punch holes around the outside of the rectangle cut out. Use yarn to thread designs, shapes, and letters. When finished, unthread the grid and try again! Don't forget to wrap the end of the yarn with tape to make threading easier.



Fold plate + cut rectangle out



Punch holes around rectangle.



Thread yarn through holes.

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Instructions, continued

• Yarn-wrapping decorations: Trace circles onto cardboard and cut them out, then cut notches around the circle about 1/2 inch or 1 centimeter apart. Thread yarn through notches in the circle and then wrap around the circle, using different notches as you go to secure the yarn. Older kids can try making letters, shapes, numbers, and spin-art style designs! Add a loop of yarn to hang the circle for a DIY ornament.



Cut out cardboard circles, then cut notches around the edge.



Wedge one end of some yarn in a notch, then another



...until the circle is wrapped!

• Threaded yarn bag: Stack two paper plates, then cut a third of the plate off the top. Punch holes around the outside of both plates at once; make sure that they're evenly spaced so they line up later. Then, flip one of the plates over so the insides are facing each other and the tops are aligned. Lastly, thread the yarn through the sides to hold the plates together, also attaching a larger length of yarn as a handle.



Stack two paper plates, then cut off the top third.



Punch evenly spaced holes around plate's edges with tops



Flip over top plate, then thread yarn through matching holes.

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