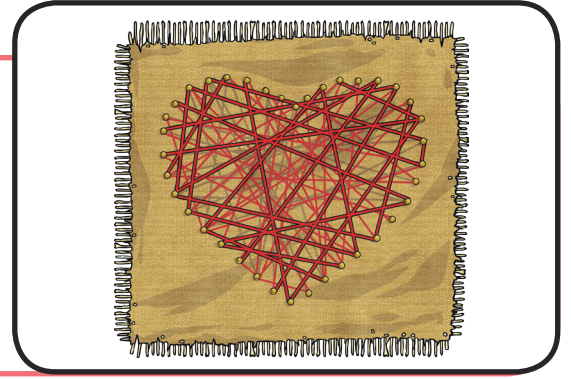


# Valentine's Day Wool Hearts

## You will need:

- Split pins
- Red or pink wool
- A square of hessian or binca 20cm x 20cm
- Stiff card 25cm x 25cm
- Heart template (paper)
- White glue
- Sticky tape



With string art, the opportunities are endless... start with this simple string heart and see where you can go from there!

## Instructions:

1. Place the template of the paper heart in the middle of your hessian on a flat surface and secure it down with sticky tape that you can remove later.
2. Stick the split pins through the hessian and secure them all the way around the edge of the heart. Remove the paper and you should have a heart shape made from split pins.
3. Now, glue your hessian to the card and leave it to dry. This traps the split pins in-between the hessian and the card so that you end up with a strong board where the pins are secure enough to wind wool around them.
4. Tie on one end of your wool to one of the pin heads and then, work around
5. Now, wind the wool around all the pins to fill in the middle of the heart. You can do this in an organised way or in a random fashion. Just make sure that you criss-cross the middle of the heart heart so that you finish with a red heart.
6. When you feel it is finished, tie off the end and snip off the rest of the wool. You may also want to put a blob of glue on the finishing end so that it doesn't come undone.

## Alternatives:

- Add a loop for hanging on a wall.
- Glue the hessian onto strong, folded card to make a greetings card.
- Add glitter glue to make it sparkle or thread on sequins or beads as you go.
- Use small tacks/nails in wood for the base to give a more natural feel
- Make a piece of art with the whole class by everyone making a small picture each.
- Use other coloured wool and other shapes or pictures for making string craft for other occasions, such as Easter, Mother's Day, Christmas, a wedding or party.