

FOR THE GOD'S EYE CRAFT, YOU'LL NEED:



- 2 sticks for each God's Eye
- several balls of yarn

You have lots of options when it comes to your sticks. We used several different kinds of sticks. We had [Starbucks' coffee stirrers](#), [ordinary craft sticks](#) (also known as popsicle sticks), and we also had some [round craft sticks](#). You can also use chop sticks, wooden skewers or **real sticks** from your yard.

For yarn, any kind of yarn or wool will work.



As for your colours, anything goes! Bright, fun colours are great, but soft, muted colours look lovely too.

HOW TO MAKE A GOD'S EYE ORNAMENT:

To make your God's eye, begin by crossing two sticks to **form an "X"**.

To secure those sticks, and keep them in place, wrap a piece of yarn **around the intersecting points** of the stick. You can knot your yarn to start, or you can just trap the tail under the yarn as you start wrapping. Do a few wraps in one direction, and then rotate your sticks, and do a few wraps in the other direction to ensure your sticks are stable, and won't shift.

And now, the fun begins!

Wrap your yarn around one stick, close to the center of the God's eye, and take it over to the next stick. Wrap it around that stick, and take it to the next stick. Continue wrapping and winding in that fashion, rotating your God's Eye craft as you work. Whether you wrap the yarn over the sticks or under doesn't matter, as long as you are consistent.



It may take your child a few attempts to get the hang of the winding process. There's quite a bit of co-ordination required.

They'll have to concentrate to hold their sticks in one hand, and their yarn in the other. And it takes co-ordination to weave and turn their ornament as they go. There's lots to focus on, but as your kids get into their "groove" and their movements become repetitive, they'll find the activity relaxing and gratifying.

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This activity is so good for increasing fine motor skills and co-ordination.



WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF A GOD'S EYE?

While you're weaving your craft, you can chat about **the origin of the God's Eye**:

Traditionally, a God's Eye was a **spiritual symbol**, and the weaving process was reflective and meditative. The points of a God's Eye represent the four elements of nature: **earth, fire, air and water**, and the center of the ornament represents the eye of God, and is believed to have the power to see and understand things that the human eye cannot. In some cultures, when a baby is born, the father of the household weaves the eye of the God's eye, and each year, until the child's 5th birthday, another ring of colour is added.



TO SWITCH COLOURS WHEN MAKING YOUR GOD'S EYE:

When you want to switch to a new color, simply **cut your yarn**, and tie it to a new piece of yarn. Trim the ends, and continue weaving. Be sure to keep your knot and the tails of yarn **to the back** of the project as you begin weaving with your new colour.

Switch up your yarn as often as you'd like to make your God's eye colourful and interesting.



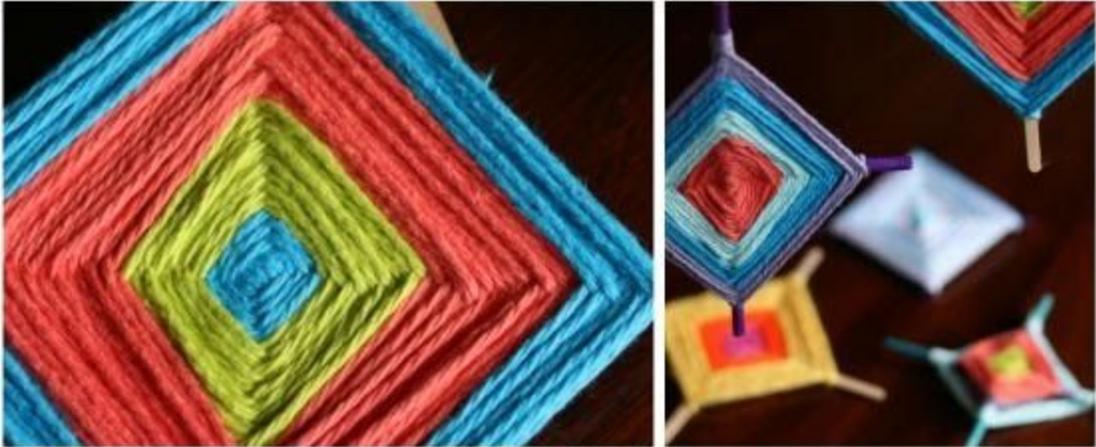
When you've worked long enough that you're nearing the ends of your craft sticks, stop weaving, and wrap your yarn around a stick one last time. Cut your yarn, leaving a nice long tail for hanging your ornament. Slip that tail underneath the last wrap or two and tie it off.

And if you're like us, you'll have found the process to be quite addictive, and you'll likely make another... and another... and another!

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Aren't they beautiful?