**Sunflower String Art Tutorial**

**Supplies Needed:**

a. (1) 4 oz. pack of 1” Bright Wire Nails

b. (1) 8x10 Wood Panel
   i. 5 pack [https://www.amazon.com/Daveliou-8x10-Wooden-Painting-Board/dp/B07FJZSJDH/ref=sr_1_6?keywords=string+art+board+8x10&qid=1565703654&sr=8-6](https://www.amazon.com/Daveliou-8x10-Wooden-Painting-Board/dp/B07FJZSJDH/ref=sr_1_6?keywords=string+art+board+8x10&qid=1565703654&sr=8-6)

c. 3 Balls of Yarn (light yellow, dark yellow and brown)

d. Sunflower Print Out (Linked)

e. Hammer

f. Needle Nose Pliers (optional, but your fingers will thank you!)

**Project Time:**

- Nailing the Board ~ 30-45 Minutes
- Stringing the Board ~ 1.5 Hours
- Total Time ~ 2 Hours

**Step-By-Step Guide:**

1. Begin by lining up your sunflower design on your board.
2. Grab a nail, placing it in your needle nose pliers (or fingers) and align it with a black circle on the design. Nail it down until roughly \( \frac{1}{2} \) the nail is showing. Use the needle nose pliers to straighten out any crooked nails.

3. After installing all of your nails, carefully lift off the paper design from your board. Be sure not to pull any of the nails out. You may also rip off the design, but I've found it easier to pull it off in 1 piece rather than rip it off in many pieces.

4. Now you're ready to begin stringing your artboard! I found it helpful to have a colored copy of the sunflower design to reference.
5. Begin your design with the dark yellow yarn that goes on the outer flower petals, this is going to be your base layer. Refer to the colored picture of the design to determine where the outer petals are.

6. Tie the end of your string to an outer nail of the first sunflower petal (must be dark yellow). Make sure that it is tied tightly so it doesn’t come undone.

7. Loop the string around the next nail (either to the left or to the right of the nail that you started on, it doesn’t matter).

8. Continue looping around the next nail (going clockwise or counter clockwise around the outline of the petal until you complete the outline.
9. Next, loop the string on the opposite side of the nails (if you went outside, loop on the inside or vice-versa).

10. Once the outline of the petal is complete, start looping string on opposite nails (it doesn’t have to be any specific pattern or certain nail).

11. Continue looping string on different nails, try to loop each nail the same number of times (rather than going back over the same nail 5 times and the one right next to it only 2 times). You may need to push the layers of string down towards the wood board to make room for more loops of string (especially if it is a nail on the inside, where the brown yarn will go. These nails will share 2-3 colors of yarn!).
12. Once your petal is complete, tie a knot onto one of the nails to ensure it doesn’t unravel. Cut off any access string.

13. Repeat steps 2-8 for the remaining dark yellow petals (5 total—every other petal).

14. Repeat steps 2-8 for the light yellow petals next. You will be using some nails for both the dark yellow and light yellow. Push down yarn as close to board as possible to ensure enough room for the next color of yarn.
15. Repeat steps 2-8 for the middle brown section as well. A few nails will have all 3 colors of yarn, so do the best you can to push the yarn down to the wood board.

Your project is complete! Enjoy your beautiful sunflower.