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25+ FUN AND EASY CRAFT PROJECTS TO INSPIRE YOU AND THE LITTLE ONES IN YOUR LIFE



STICK WANDS

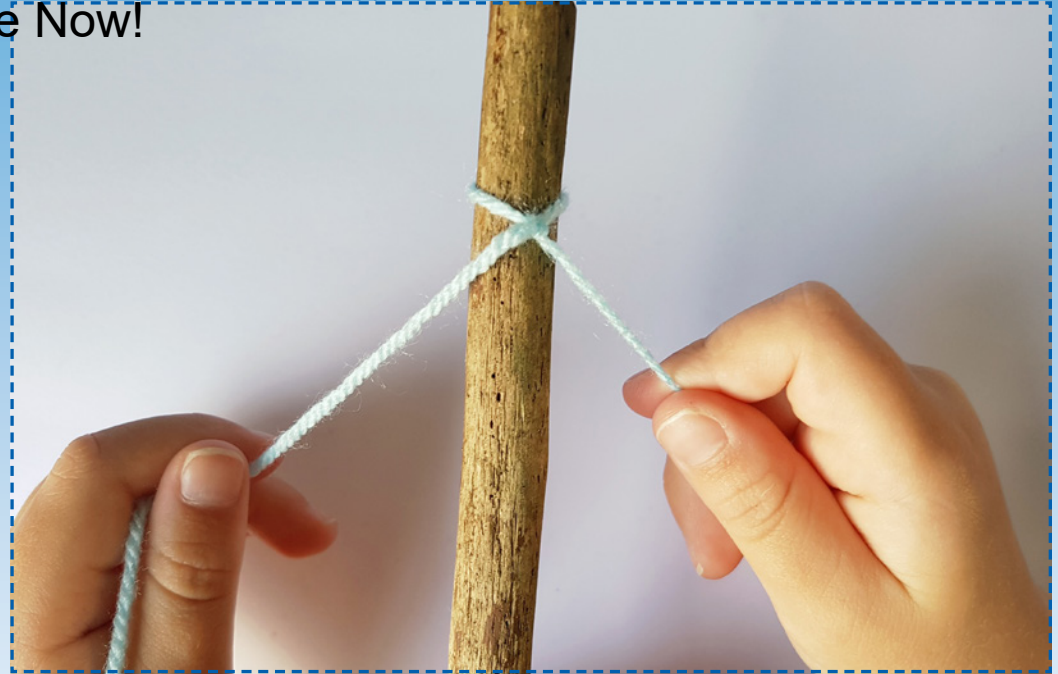
My kids and I love the wonderful simplicity of this project, as well as the fact that you can customize it to your heart's content. You may need to help younger children with the tying and cutting, but they'll soon get the hang of the wrapping!

- ### TOOLS & MATERIALS
- Assorted colors of yarn
 - Clean, dry stick
 - Scissors
 - Beads and bells
 - Ribbon
 - Optional: feathers



STEP 1

Cut a 3-foot piece of yarn and tie one end in a double knot around the top of the stick.



STEP 2

Hold the shorter length of yarn in your hand so that it points downward, and wrap the longer piece of yarn around the stick, gradually working your way down.





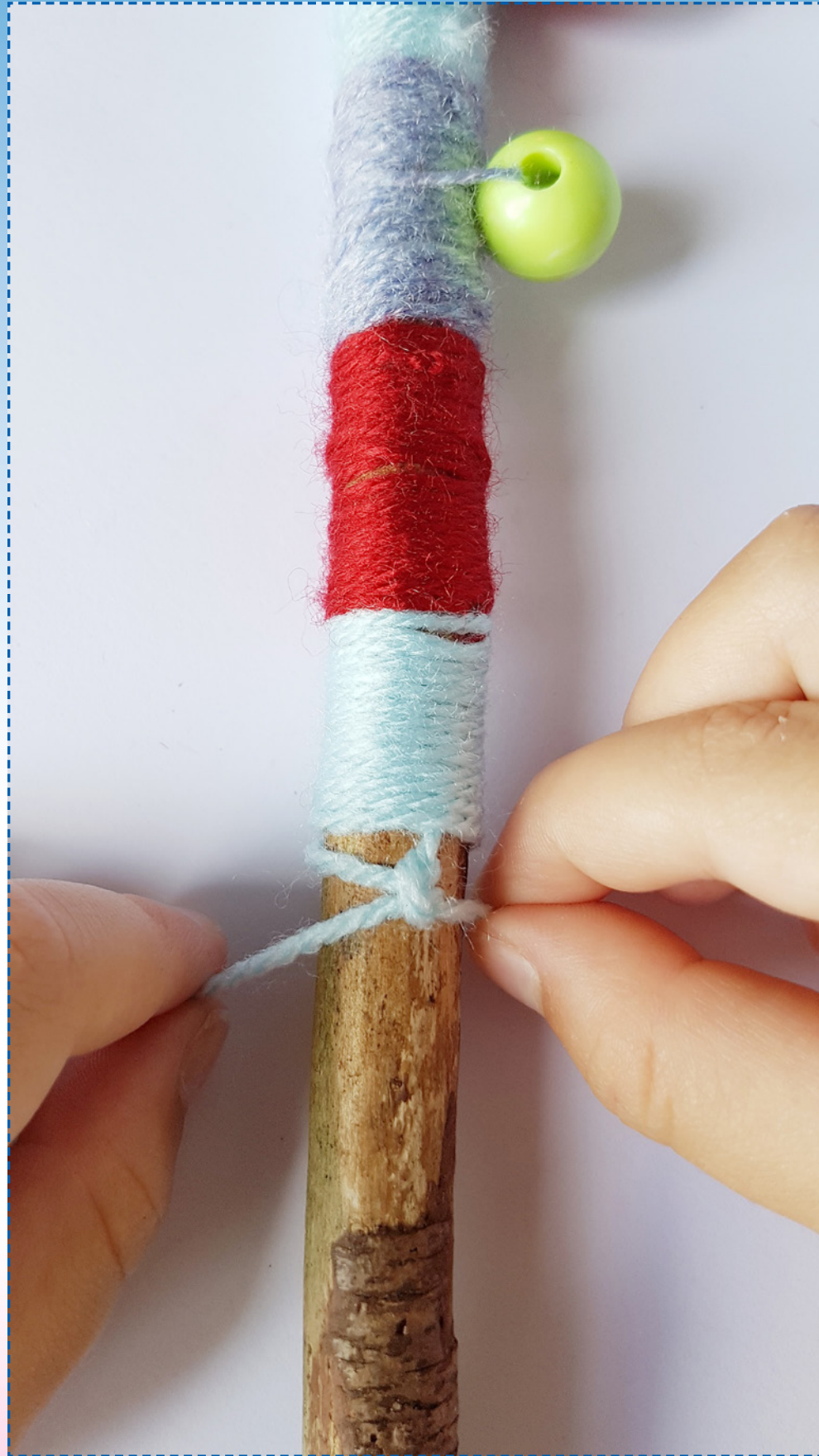
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Once you reach almost to the end of the piece of yarn and have only about 2 inches to spare, loop it around to create a simple knot. Your child may need help with this step!

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Repeat steps 1-3 to add a new color of yarn. Then you can add bells and beads by threading them onto the piece of yarn before wrapping it around a few times to secure. Have your child help choose colors and accessories!

Ensure that any loose threads point downward so that they are covered by the next piece of yarn.



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Once you've added your final piece of yarn, secure it to the stick using a double knot and tie on any ribbons you want to add. Add feathers by poking them into the yarn.

If you don't have any beads or feathers on hand, you can still have lots of fun wrapping yarn around sticks. How about making a colorful handle for a marshmallow-toasting stick or adding a few of your nature finds (see pages 12-19)?

