

# String Art Ice Cream Cone

## What to gather:

- Ice cream cone template
- 1" x 6" x 11" wood board
- 1" 16 guage panel nails
- Embroidery floss (brown, light green, pink and red)
- Hammer
- Scissors
- Paint or stain (optional)

## What to do:

1. Begin by painting or staining your wood board the colour of your choice (optional).
2. Center your pattern onto your board. Tap a nail into the top and bottom of the pattern to hold it in place. Hammer the nails about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the way into the board.
3. Using the pattern outline, hammer nails into the board about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart. It's easiest to start from the top and work from the inside to the outside of the pattern.
4. Once all of the nails are in, hammer them in one last time to ensure they are secure and even out any nails that seem higher than the others.
5. Pull the pattern up from the board and discard.
6. Begin stringing from the bottom of the pattern. Using the brown embroidery floss to create the ice cream cone, tie a double knot onto a nail.
7. Move the floss in a zigzag pattern, skipping every other nail. Randomly cross the floss between nails until the area is covered. You may need to occasionally wrap the floss around a nail head to ensure it stays tight. You'll want to end around the same nail you started with.
8. Begin your outline by completely wrapping the floss around a nail head and carry it to the other nail. Repeat this process until you get to the end. Reverse to create the opposite effect. When you are finished, you should have outside and inside outlines. Remember that you don't have to outline the areas that will get covered by another colour.
9. End near your starting point and tie the two ends together in a knot and secure. Trim the ends.
10. Continue this process with each area of the template using the pink and green floss to create the ice cream scoops, and the red floss to create the cherry on the top.

