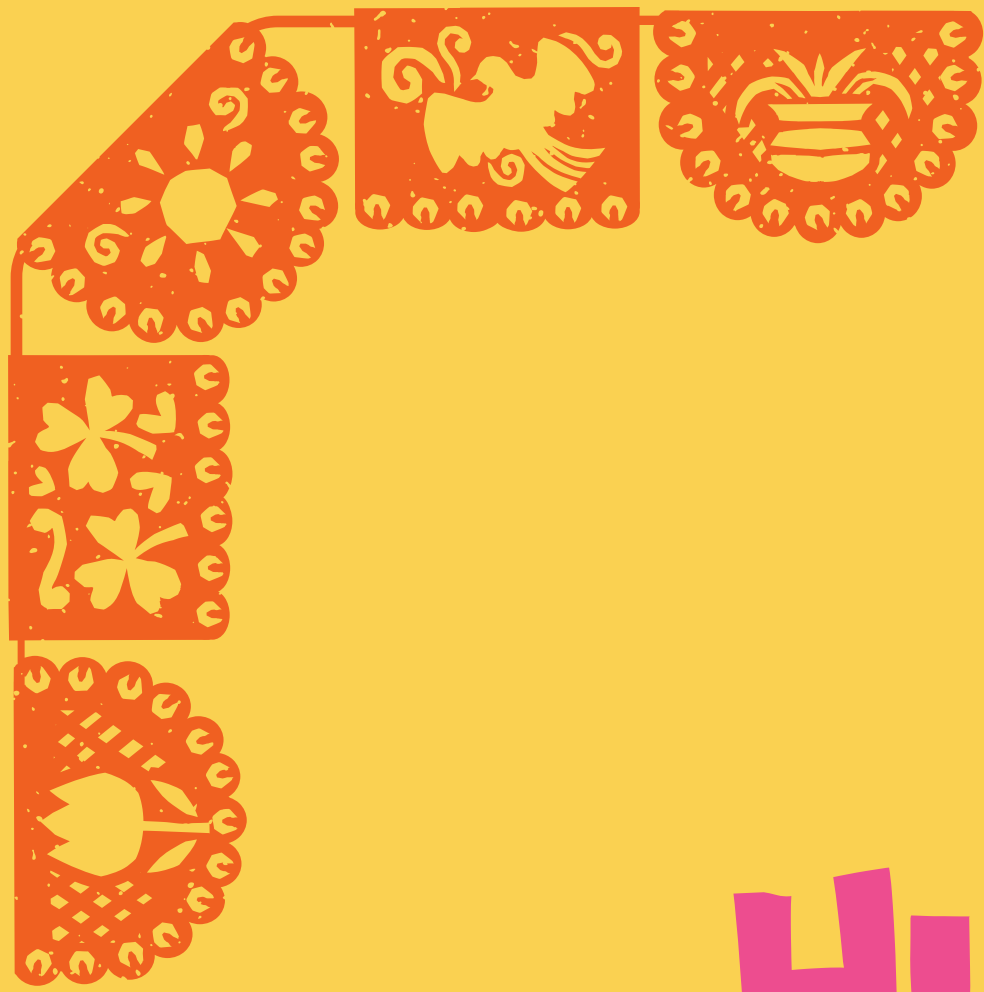


HUÍCHOL-INSPIRED YARN PAINTING



Who are the Huichol?

The Huichol or Wixárika are an **indigenous people of Mexico and the United States living in the Sierra Madre Occidental range** in the states of Nayarit, Jalisco, Zacatecas, and Durango, as well as in the United States in the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

They are best known to the larger world as the Huichol, although they refer to themselves as Wixáritari ("the people") in their native Huichol language. The adjectival form of Wixáritari and name for their own language is Wixárika.



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The Huichol are known for their colorful bead and yarn works. Historically, shamans created these objects to reflect their spiritual relationships with ancestors and nature deities. They are also made as offerings to their gods.

The first yarn paintings made for tourists were largely decorative. Within a short time, artists realized yarn paintings could tell their stories, myths, and record the sacred visions of the Huichol.

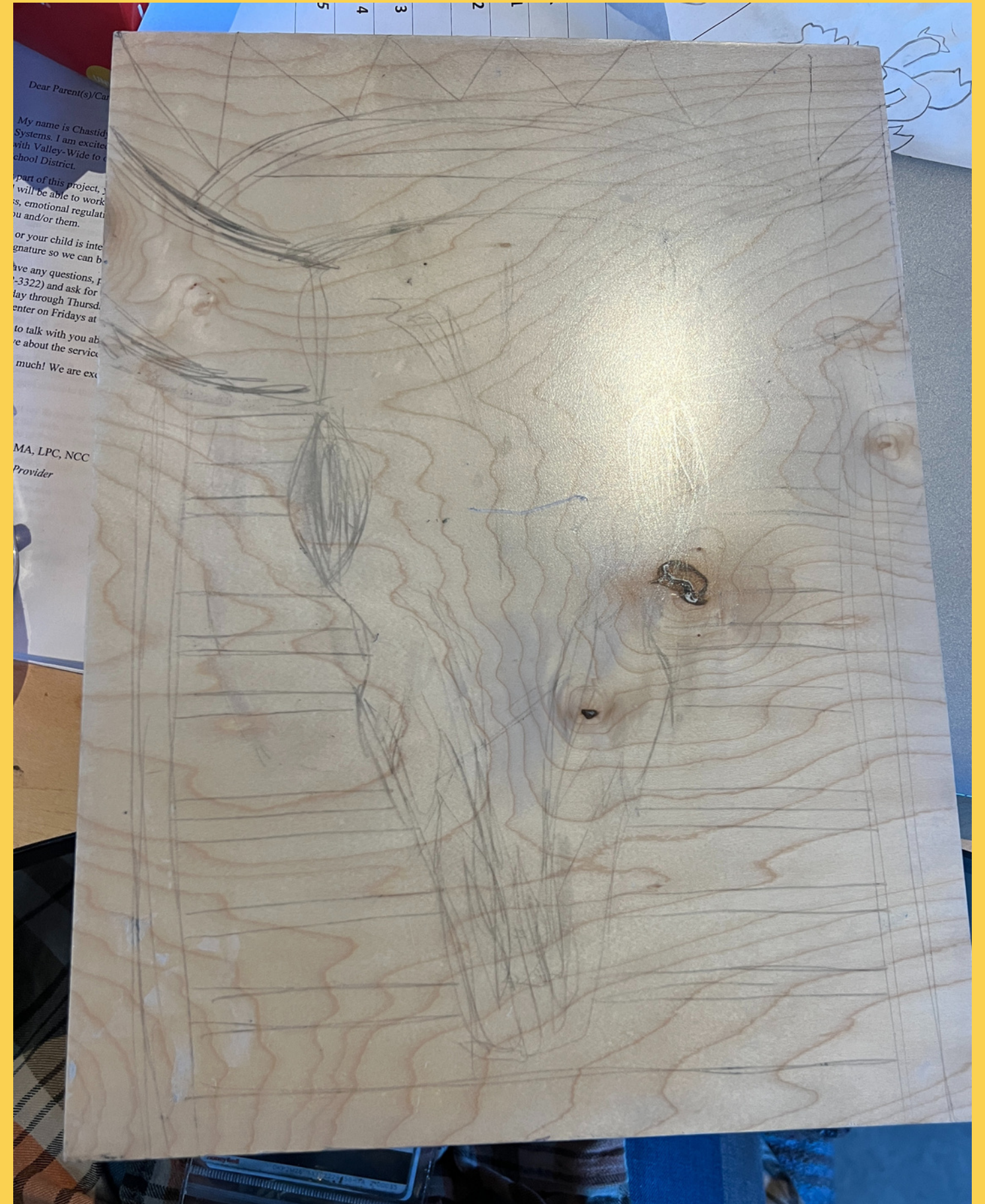






Step 1

- Fill out brainstorming sheet
- Pick out your wood base
- Sketch your design onto the wood





Step 2

Outline your pencil marks with glue
Add black or dark grey string to
create the outline of your design





Step 3

Begin flooding sections of your design with glue and adding yarn.



Step 4

Continue adding yarn until your design is finished!

You can add in new patterns as you go to make it more detailed.

Think about where shading would go and use variations in yarn color to add depth and interest to your design.

