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## Kyoko Kumai Inspired Yarn Hanger

Take inspiration from the work of Kyoko Kumai, a Japanese artist who creates artwork from stainless steel wire—connecting tradition and nature through weaving, stitching, twisting, binding, and entwining. Turn household materials into a hanging vessel!



**Kyoko Kumai**  
*Birth (Miniature Object),*  
ca. 1990  
Stainless steel filament  
7 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches  
Racine Art Museum, Gift of  
Camille and Alex Cook  
Photography: Jon Bolton



### Supplies

- Balloon
- Plastic cups
- Glue
- Mixing stick
- Scissors
- Yarn
- Gloves

## Instructions

1. Begin by blowing up your balloon to the desired size of your yarn hanger. Set the inflated balloon into a cup or bowl to hold it in place.
2. Pour glue into a mixing cup then add a little water. Stir until the mixture is smooth.



3. Cut your yarn into long pieces before you begin the next part so they are prepped and ready to go!

4. Dip the yarn into the glue mixture, making sure that the entirety of it is covered. Lay the string across and around the inflated balloon as you pull the strands out of the glue mixture. Repeat this with every piece of yarn, layering them in different directions.



5. Allow the yarn-covered balloon to dry overnight. The next day, pop the balloon, string some yarn through the top for hanging, and voilà! You just created art inspired by the work of Kyoko Kumai!

