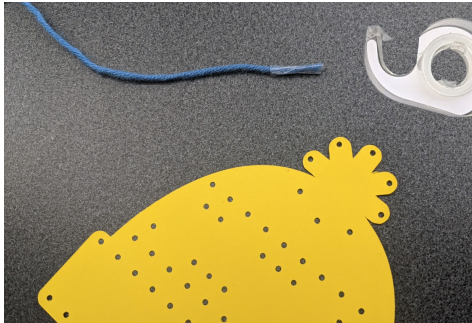


# Yarn Embroidery

**Embroidery** is the art of decorating fabric or other materials with designs using thread or yarn. This week we have provided yarn to use for embroidering some cardstock hat, mittens, and stockings! Follow the instructions below to help you start creating your own design.



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## Gather your materials

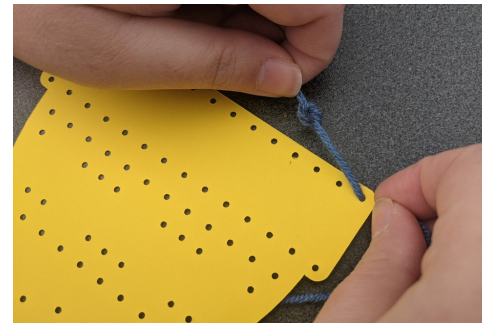
You will need your cardstock cut-out, some yarn, and some tape. Prepare your yarn by using a small piece to wrap around the end of the yarn, like a shoelace. This will keep it from splitting and fraying.



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## Tie your starting knot

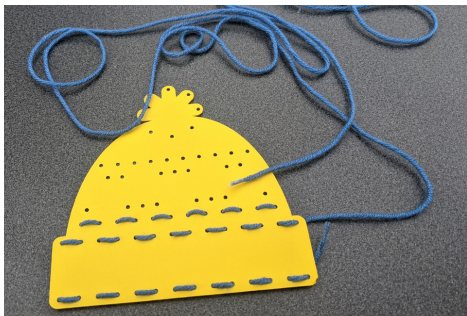
Thread the other end your yarn (that doesn't have tape) through the first hole. Make a small loop and tie it off. This will be your starting knot and serve as an anchor to prevent you from losing your design.



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## Embroider!

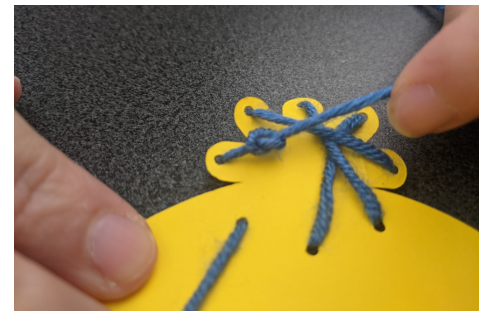
Use the taped end of the yarn to thread through the holes. This is the time to get creative and create a design! You can make patterns or try to make a unique shape.



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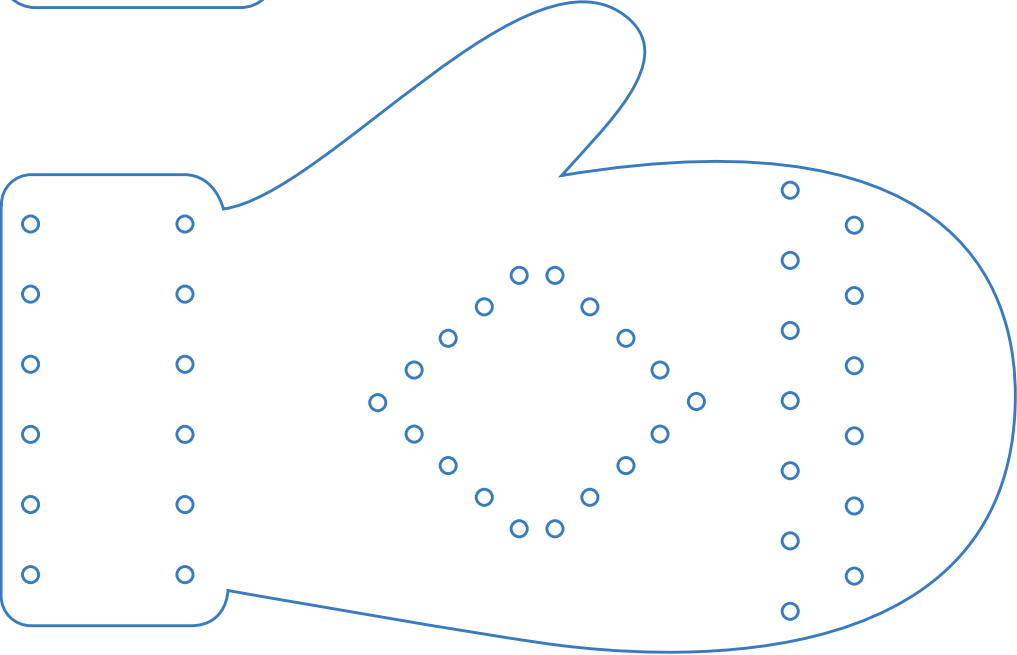
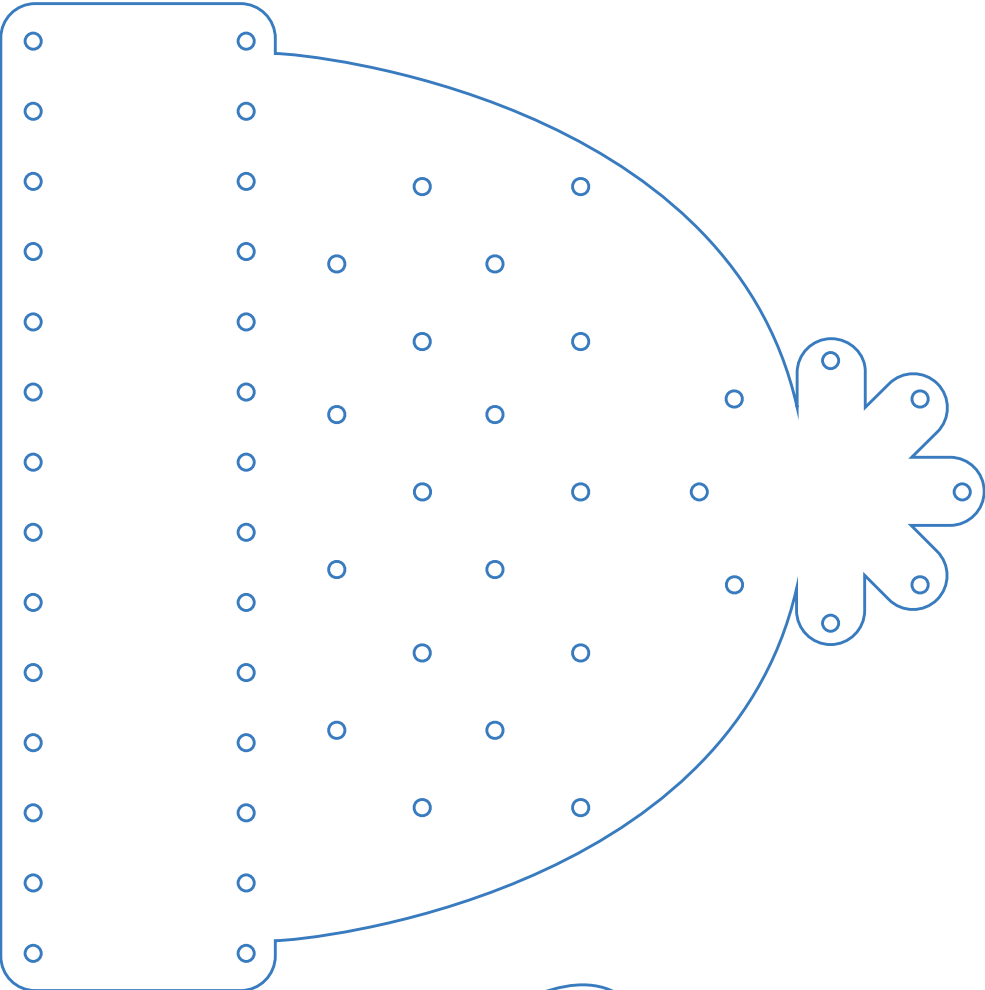
## Tie your finishing knot

When you have finished your design, thread your yarn through the last hole so that the taped end of the yarn is on the same side as your starting knot. Make a small loop and tie it off again. Trim off any extra yarn.

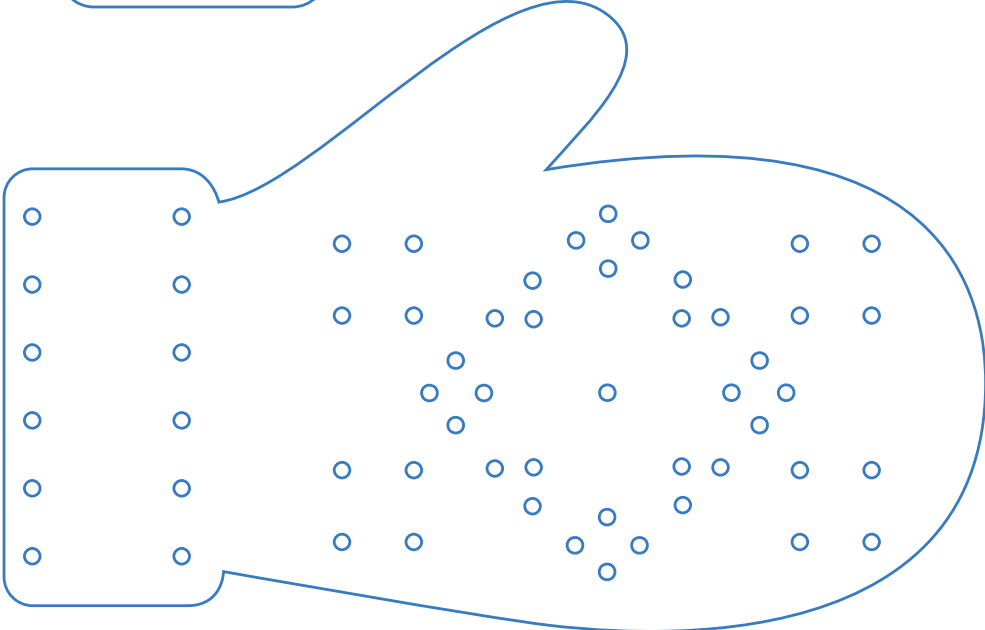
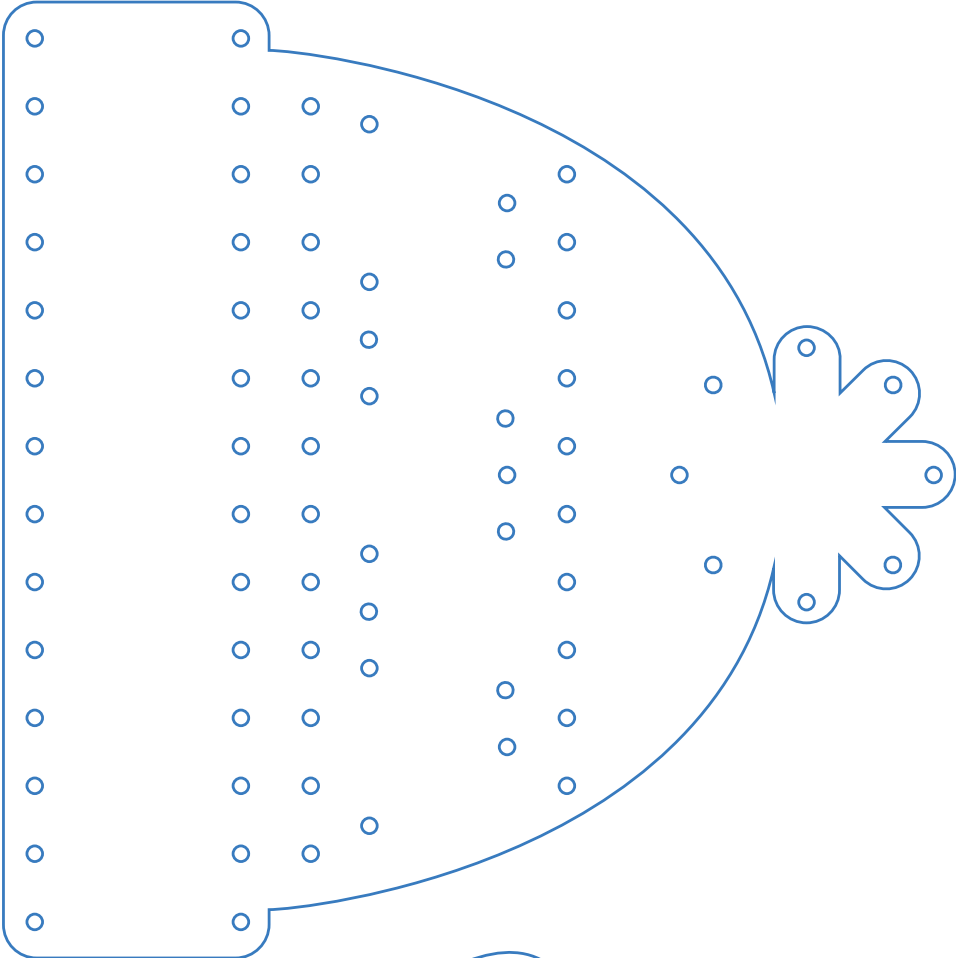


Mix up your design by using multiple colors of yarn (remember to tie a starting knot for each color) and utilizing negative space! If you have some beads or sequins at home, you can try adding those to your embroidery. When you are finished, you can hang up your artwork, gift it to someone you care, or even take your all your embroidery and create a garland to hang up at home!

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