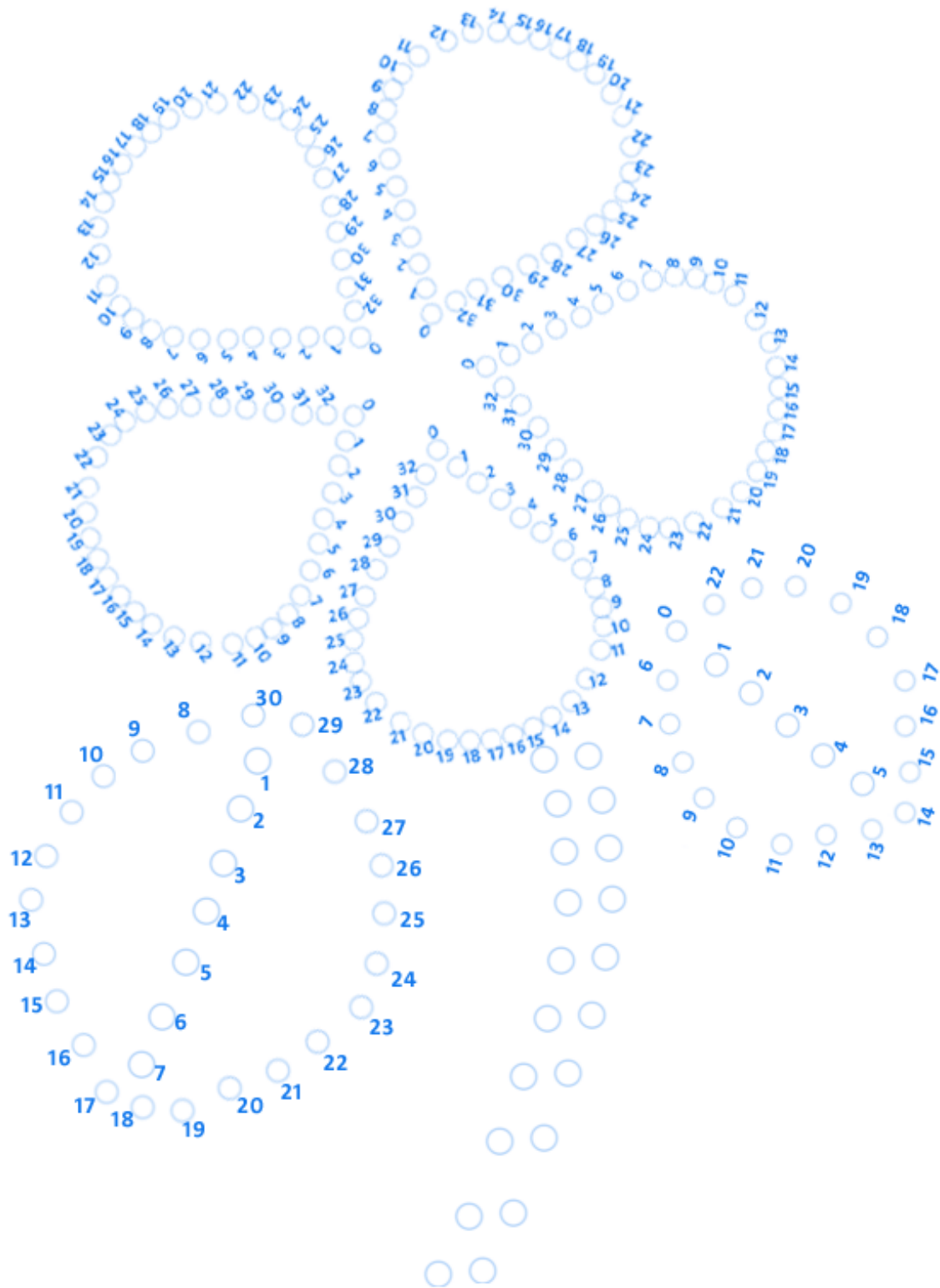


Flower String Art Pattern

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Create the Flower Petals

These flower petals are created with a well-known string art method that you can use in future projects. Follow the instructions below to complete one flower petal:

- Tie string on to pin #2
- Wrap string around each pin in the following order:

2-11-3-12-4-13-5-14-6-15-7-16-8-17-9-18-10-19-11-20-12-21-13-22-14-23-15-24-16-25-17-26-18-27-19-28-20-29-21-30-22-31 tie off

- Tie off on pin #31

Repeat this pattern with each petal until five petals are complete. This basic string art pattern also works well for leaves, eyes, and even cute animal bellies.

Advanced Tip: To add a bright contrast to the edges of your petals, add floss that is much lighter or darker than the previous floss, or of a contrasting color, and follow this pattern:

- Tie on to pin #7
- Wrap string around each pin in the following order:

9-18-10-19-11-20-12-21-13-22-14-23-15-24

- Tie off on pin #24

Advanced Tip: To add a subtle color change in the middle of the petal, follow this pattern:

- Tie on to pin #0
- Wrap floss around each pin in the following direction:

0-14-0-19-1-17-1-16

- Tie off on pin #16

Create the Large Leaf

To make the leaves, use this easy pattern that will depict the leaf veins and outline. Bright green thread is an ideal choice for these cheerful, round leaves.

- Tie on to #30
- Start off to create the left side and middle vein of the leaf:

30-1-8-1-9-1-2-10-2-11-2-3-12-3-13-3-4-14-4-15-4-5-15-5-17-5-6-7-18

- Continue to complete the right side of the leaf.

18-19-7-19-20-6-20-21-5-21-22-5-22-23-4-23-24-4-24-25-3-25-26-2-26-27-1-27-28-30-28-29

- Continue to edge the right side of the leaf and tie off:

29-30-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18

- Tie off on pin #18

Create the Small Leaf

- Tie on to #0 on the small leaf pattern
- Wrap string around the pins in the following pattern create the left side of the leaf:

0-7-0-1-8-1-9-1-2-10-2-11-2-3-12-3-4-13-4-5-14

- Continue to complete the right side of the leaf:

14-15-5-15-16-4-16-17-4-17-18-3-18-19-2-19-20-1-20-21-0-21-22-0

- Continue to edge the right side of the leaf and tie off:

0-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14

- Tie off on pin #18

Advanced Tip: To add dimension to your leaves, tie off after completing the left side of the leaf. Then, tie another shade of green to the same pin and continue.

Create the Flower Stem

The stem is your own freeform creation. You could choose to crisscross from top to bottom, or simply wrap the floss around the pins in order to create a subtle outline. Use the pattern methods you've learned in the petal and leaf patterns to customize your stem design.