

Ojos de Dios

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"The "Ojo de Dios" or God's Eye is an ancient symbol made by the Huichol Indians of Mexico and the Aymara Indians of Bolivia.

In Mexico, The central eye was made when a child was born. Each year, a bit of yarn was added until the child turned five at which point the Ojo was complete.

In Bolivia, "God's Eyes" were made to be placed on an altar so that the gods could watch over the praying people and protect them."

Materials: yarn, popsicle sticks, wooden skewers or chopsticks

Procedure:

1. Give each student two popsicle sticks and a good amount of yarn.
 - a. For the younger class, glue the two sticks together in a + shape.
2. Then label your sticks 1, 2, 3, 4 in order. This will help you when wrapping.
3. Take some yarn and wrap it around the middle in an x rotation. Then take the yarn and wrap it around stick 1, and then stick 2, and then stick 3 and then stick 4.
4. Continue this on until you want to change the color of the yarn.
5. To change the yarn, snip the first color of yarn and tie on a second color. Continue on with the second color and then a third, fourth and fifth as desired.
6. When you are done, just tie off your yarn in a knot at the end of the stick.

Advanced:

1. When students have finished their first ojo, give them wooden skewers and let them try it with thinner sticks.
2. As they continue to finish give them longer sticks or challenge them to use three sticks and make a 6 point star.

