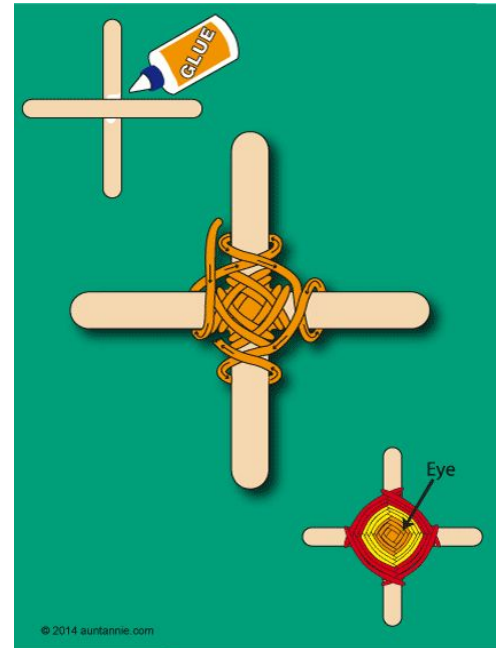


Ojo de Dios

History:

Ojo de Dios (oh-ho-day-DEE-ohs) is Spanish for “Eye of God.” When the early Spaniards came to Mexico they encountered the Huichol (wet-chol) people who lived in the Sierra Madre mountains of Mexico. The Huichol Indians who lived in the mountains made God’s eyes (or Ojos de Dios) to watch over them. They were woven onto crisscrossing sticks, joining in the center. The center eye represented the sun and stood for the power of seeing and understanding things we normally cannot see. The ends of the sticks represented the basic elements—earth, water, wind, and fire. Some say it represents the cross of Jesus Christ, but originally this was not so. The Huichol people focused their worship on nature and the earth rather than a specific divine being. Often they are made for little children as gifts. They accompany wishes of health, long life, and protection.



Supplies:

- Several pieces of yarn
- Popsicle sticks/coffee stirrers
- Scissors (not included)
- Glue (not included)

Instructions:

1. Glue two sticks/stirrers together in the shape of a cross. Let dry.
2. Choose your first color of yarn. Wrap it over and around 1 stick, then on a diagonal to the next stick, and over and around, and so on.
3. Continue for four or more turns around the sticks until it is the desired size for the eye.
4. Hold the end of the 1st yarn to the back of the cross.
5. Tie a length of second yarn onto the first with a tight knot.
6. Wrap as before.
7. Repeat with each color until you are finished.
8. Glue the final yarn end to the back of the cross to hold it in place.

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