

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This week will be an experience in using different materials, different textures, and even different colors to transform ordinary cardboard into a work of art. The technique is easy but you get to use your imagination to see how to create many patterns for an amazing piece of art.



1-Cut a rectangle or square out of cardboard. This can be any size you want your project to be. Cut slits about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch around the outside edge of the cardboard. Take string, yarn, or cord and wrap it all around the cardboard going to each slit to make a pattern. Ending on the backside, tie a knot or tape the ends down. Lay the cardboard face down on a piece of tin foil. Fold the extra towards the back like a present and seal the ends with tape. For younger artists, keep the number of slits very limited. You can even just contrast two sides of the cardboard with different patterns. You can also, just glue the yarn on in a favorite pattern before covering with tinfoil. You will just have to allow drying time before adding tin foil.

2-Gently, rub the tinfoil over the areas that have the yarn to make them stand out. With a Sharpie pen that uses **permanent** ink. Make any pattern that you like without drawing on the lines that are highlighted. You may only have a black marker, but that is okay to create many designs. Start in the middle so you do not smudge the drawing before it has a chance to permanently dry.

Let your imagination shine!

Ms. Susan