

ALL ITEMS ARE NON-TOXIC. DO NOT EAT.

# Makerspace

## Choose Joy Room Sign

Skill Level: Beginner



### Materials

- (1) wood piece
- (1) foam brush
- teal acrylic paint
- (1) vinyl "choose joy" sticker
- (1) piece of gridded transfer tape
- (8) wood beads
- (1) 10" piece of cotton rope
- (12) 14" pieces of cotton rope

1. Use the foam brush to paint the entire wood piece with teal acrylic paint. Allow to dry and apply a second coat of paint.
2. Once dried, apply the vinyl "choose joy" phrase.

- a. Remove the white backing from the transfer tape and place the clear, gridded tape directly on top of the vinyl "choose joy" sticker. **See Figure 1.**
- b. Apply some pressure on top using a hard, flat tool such as a scraper tool or credit card.
- c. Flip over and peel the white sticker backing away, separating it from the transfer tape. The vinyl sticker should stick to the transfer tape. If it is not sticking, flip back over and apply more pressure. (The goal here is to get the design to stick to the transfer tape!) **See Figure 2.**
- d. The design should now be stuck on the transfer tape. **See Figure 3.**
- e. Now, place it on your painted wood piece. **See Figure 4.**
- f. Smooth down again using a scraper tool or credit card.
- g. Carefully peel away transfer tape leaving the design on the wood.

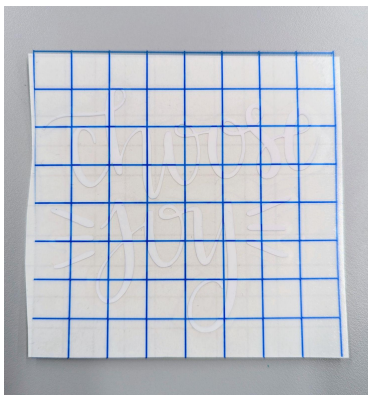


Figure 1

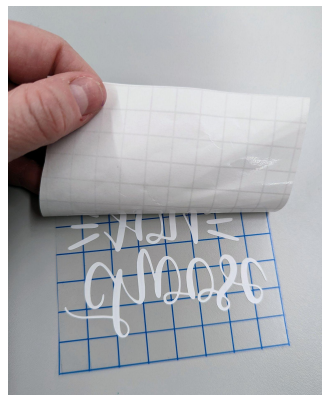


Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

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3. Now begin attaching the cotton ropes to the bottom of the wood piece.
  - a. Untie the knot holding the 12 pieces of rope together.
  - b. Using 2 pieces of rope, bring the ends together. **See Figure 5.**
  - c. Insert the folded end of the ropes through the opening at the bottom of the wood piece. **See Figure 6.**
  - d. Put the rope ends through the loop. **See Figure 7.**
  - e. Pull the ends tight, and you have now created a Lark's Head Knot. **See Figure 8.**
  - f. Continue this process using 2 ropes at a time to complete the row of knots.
  - g. Trim the rope ends however you choose or unravel each cotton rope for a fringed look.



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8

4. Attach the final cotton rope and wooden beads to hang the project.
  - a. Thread the last 10" piece of rope through one of the holes on the top, keeping the knot in the back of the project.
  - b. Thread the 8 beads on the rope. The blue tape on the end is there to make the threading easier.
  - c. Once all the beads are threaded, put the rope through the other hole at the top.
  - d. Remove the blue tape and tie a knot to secure this hanger for the project.

5. The project is now complete. Hang it wherever makes you happy and enjoy!

*The vinyl "choose joy" sticker was cut on the Silhouette Cameo machine in the Makerspace. Call us for more information!*