

LEARN how to turn rocks into works of art using skills inspired by traditional Japanese basket making.

GATHER your art supplies:

- Rock
- 3 ft piece of yarn, string, or ribbon
- Scissors

CREATE your own wrapped rock! Follow along with the video tutorial at tennesseecraft.org/kids.

Step 1: Set your rock face down on the table and place the end of the yarn on the back at one end leaving a 2" tail. Make sure to keep the tail free as you work.

Step 2: Pick up the rock, securing the tail end to the back with your finger, and flip it over. Take the long part of the yarn in your free hand and lay it diagonally across the rock. Pulling it tightly, wrap the yarn around the back of the rock in a straight line.

Step 3: Pull the yarn up on the opposite side and then diagonally across the front creating an X. Then wrap it across the back in a straight line making sure to keep the tail free. Repeat this process, creating Xs on the front and straight lines on the back.

Step 4: When you are nearing the end of your yarn (leaving at least 1"), lay your rock face down and tie both ends of the yarn into a knot on the back of the rock. Trim yarn ends. Enjoy your rock amulet!

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