

Let's get set-up!

This month, we're going to explore **string**. If you think about it, you probably have a piece of string on you right now! From clothing and sewing, to jewelry, to binding and organizing, string has so many uses, and is available in so many varieties. Whether it's a thin thread, or a multi-strand piece of cord, string is a multi-purpose material and tool that offers us so many different avenues to explore!

For this activity, we'll need:

- A piece of string (some yarn, some cotton string, a thread, some rope, an old shoe lace or even some floss).
- A Mirror

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For this activity, we're going to do a "continuous line" activity. Because string is basically a line that you can move and manipulate or change, a lot of drawing activities can be repurposed or used in string activities too. Have you ever done a continuous line drawing?

A continuous line drawing is when you draw a picture without ever taking your pencil off the page. It can be really challenging and tempting to do with a pencil, but with a single piece of string, it's much easier!

Using a mirror (or you could use a picture or a mobile camera), look at your face. Take a moment or two to notice one or two really great things about your unique face! Once you're done, take your piece of string and try to draw your face. You could start by making a circle on the outside and then moving in and creating your eyes, nose and ears. You could also start with your ears, or your nose, and move out from there.

What do you notice as you move the string around for each object on your face? If you need to look up at your mirror or photo reference, keep your string still while you look and then continue your drawing!



Vocabulary. What do you notice?

Words about string.

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| Flexible | Series | Leash |
| Continuous | Combine | Tight |
| Bendy | Secure | Stitch |
| Twistable | Knot | Weave |
| | Line | Link |

What happens when you:

- Start drawing your mouth first?
- Use your non-dominant hand to draw with the string?
- Wet your string?
- Change your surface (on a table, on the floor, on a carpet, on the grass...etc).