



Ravenswood Public Library 2021 Summer Reading Program



Denim Feather Wall Art

Supplies included:

- Denim scraps, cut into feather shapes
- 1 Dowel rod
- Yarn
- Beads
- Fabric glue

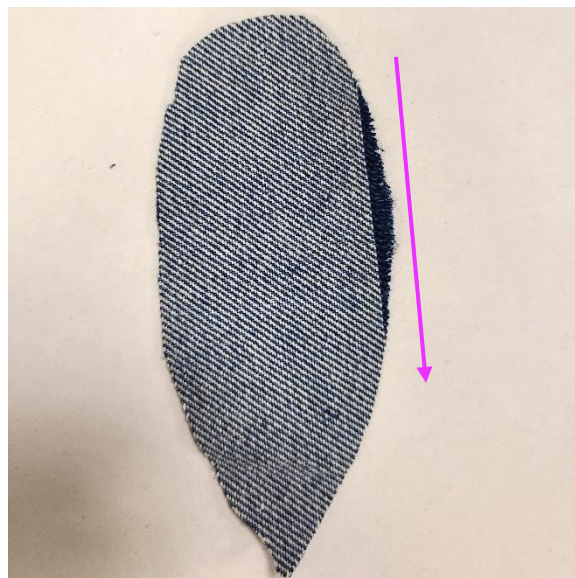
You will need:

- Scissors
- Tweezers



Instructions:

1. Lay out your denim scraps, right side down. Cut a length of yarn for each feather which is about twice as long as each feather. You can make longer and shorter lengths to vary the height of the feathers in your final hanging.
2. Starting at the edge of each feather, pull a few of the loose threads to determine the grain's angle. When you apply your glue in step 3, keep your line as close to parallel with the grain as possible to save yourself some work later.
 - a. Our denim scraps have been cut differently for each color, blue or white. Our kits contain scraps to make both blue and white feathers.

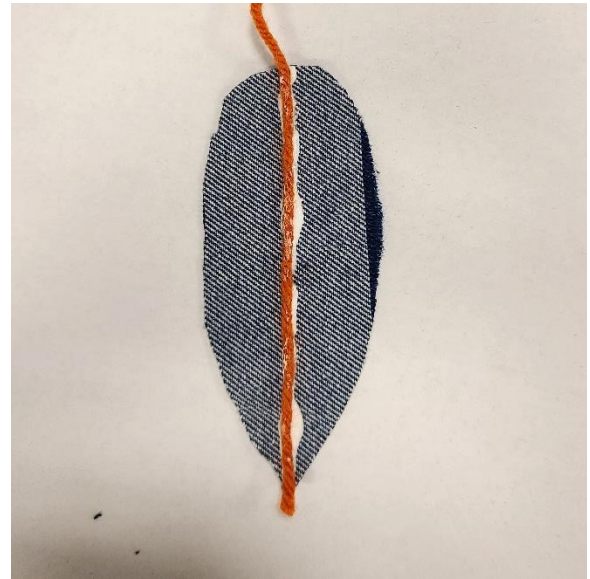
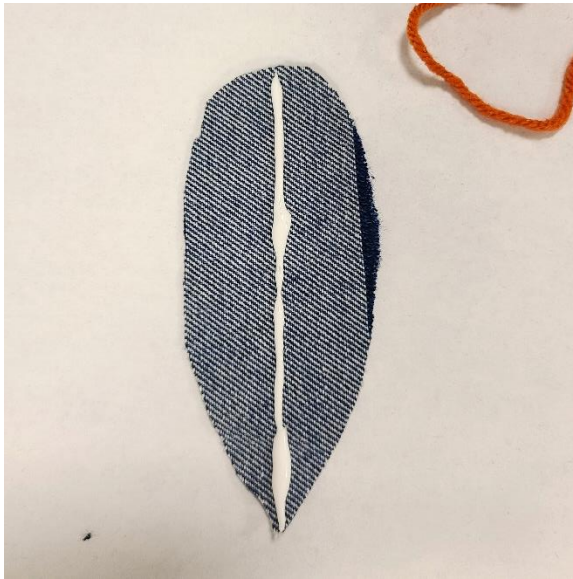




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3. Apply a generous line of fabric glue down the center of each feather, starting at the pointed end and extending past the rounded end. This will form the spine of the feathers. Place your yarn down the center of the feather and press securely into the denim. You can also use the tip of your glue to press down on the yarn. Allow glue to dry *thoroughly* before continuing.
 - a. Try to avoid pressing the glue into the denim, you're trying for a very thin line of glue.
 - b. We found it helpful to let the yarn extend a bit past the tip of the feather, then trim it down once the glue has dried.

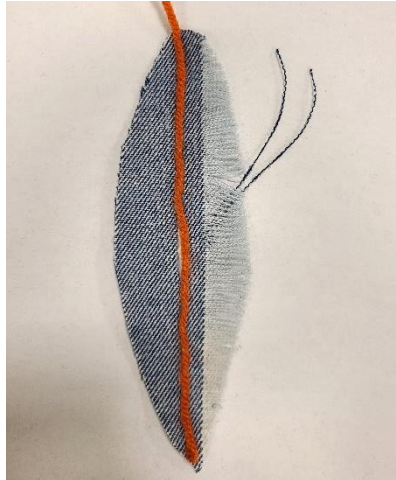




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4. Once glue has dried, it's time to fray our feathers. Beginning from the outermost edge, remove the loose threads from around the feather's spine. Continue fraying until you've reached the glue "spine" in the center.
 - a. As you fray your feather, you might find the threads you're pulling are tangling in the remaining strings. Instead of pulling your threads out sideways, try pulling them down and out through the weave.

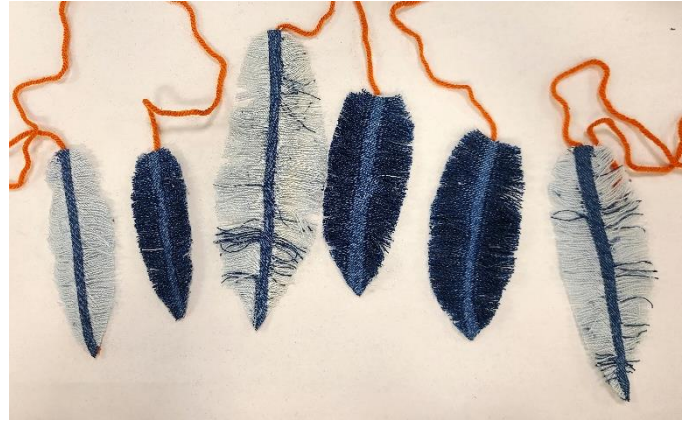
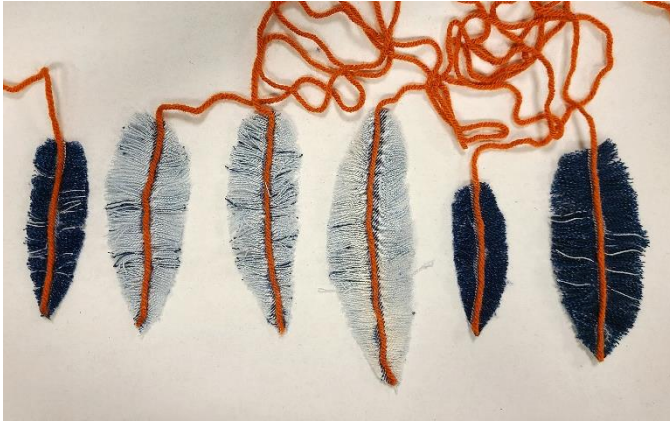


- b. If the spine of your feathers are crooked, as you get towards the center the threads will catch in the glue line. If this occurs, you can use these threads as accents in your final feather. Pull the thread out until where it sticks into the glue. Using your tweezers, pull the thread out of the weave as far down the spine as you can. Then, brush the thread out with the rest. Trim this new accent thread to the same length as the rest.
 - c. Alternatively, you can carefully trim these threads off at the spine once they've been isolated from the rest.

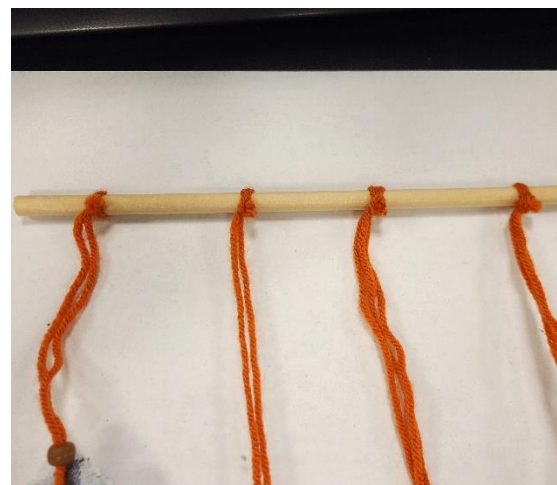




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5. To hang your feathers, run the yarn of 1-3 feathers through a bead and secure around your dowel rod with an overhand knot. Once you've adjusted your feathers to your liking, secure with another overhand knot and trim.
 - a. To keep your yarn from shifting, you can secure it to the dowel rod with a dab of glue.





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6. Cut a long piece of yarn to hang your dowel rod, tying around the rod and securing with a square knot at each end. Keep the yarn from slipping off the ends with a dab of glue.

