

DON'T FORGET TO FLOSS!

Well, not your teeth, but your home and everything in it! Wrap up some jars, embellish a pillow or go over the top with hand-strung artwork. You'll find these and other fun ideas inside!



« such a softie

Life is just a bowl of... adorable felt doodads! These sweet stuffed shapes get lots of charm from cheery embroidery floss. We made our own simple patterns, and we stuck to straight stitches for adorably folksy appeal. We even glued on coordinating bows as accents.



» mixed bag

Don't toss that floss. It was made to carry! For this look, group long strands of colorful embroidery thread. Arrange them into a spiral on a simple canvas tote. Then place tracing paper over your finished design, and pin. With paper still in place, machine-stitch the spiral to the bag. Now, tear away the paper... and you're done!



floss fancy

Floss on canvas? What a fetching idea! This attention-getting display takes time and focus, but it's worth it for its originality (not to mention the oohs and aahs). Start by drawing on your design—you may want to borrow inspiration from wrapping paper, scrapbook paper, etc. Then prep your canvas with double-sided adhesive and carefully apply the thread row by row.



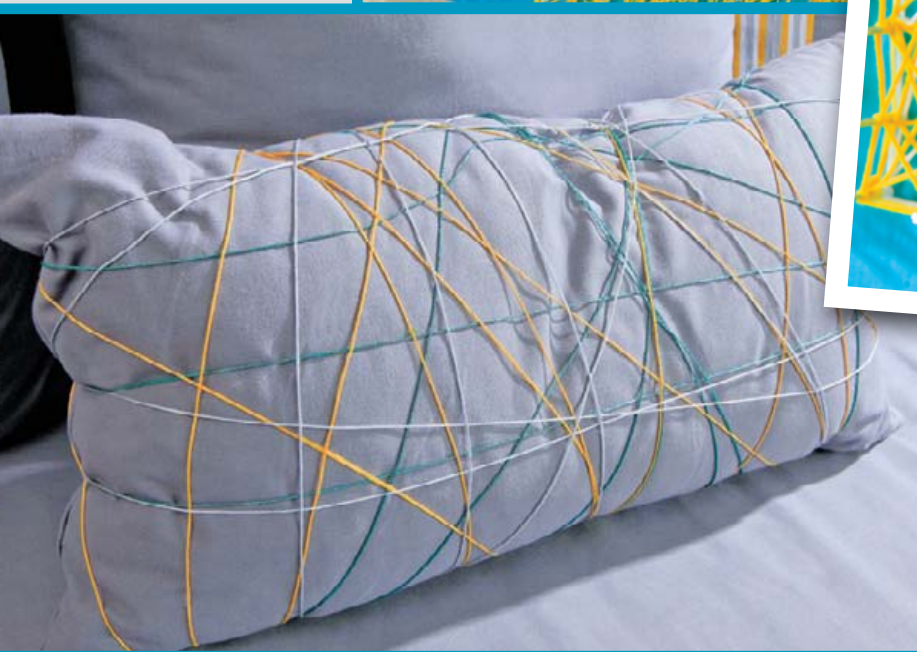
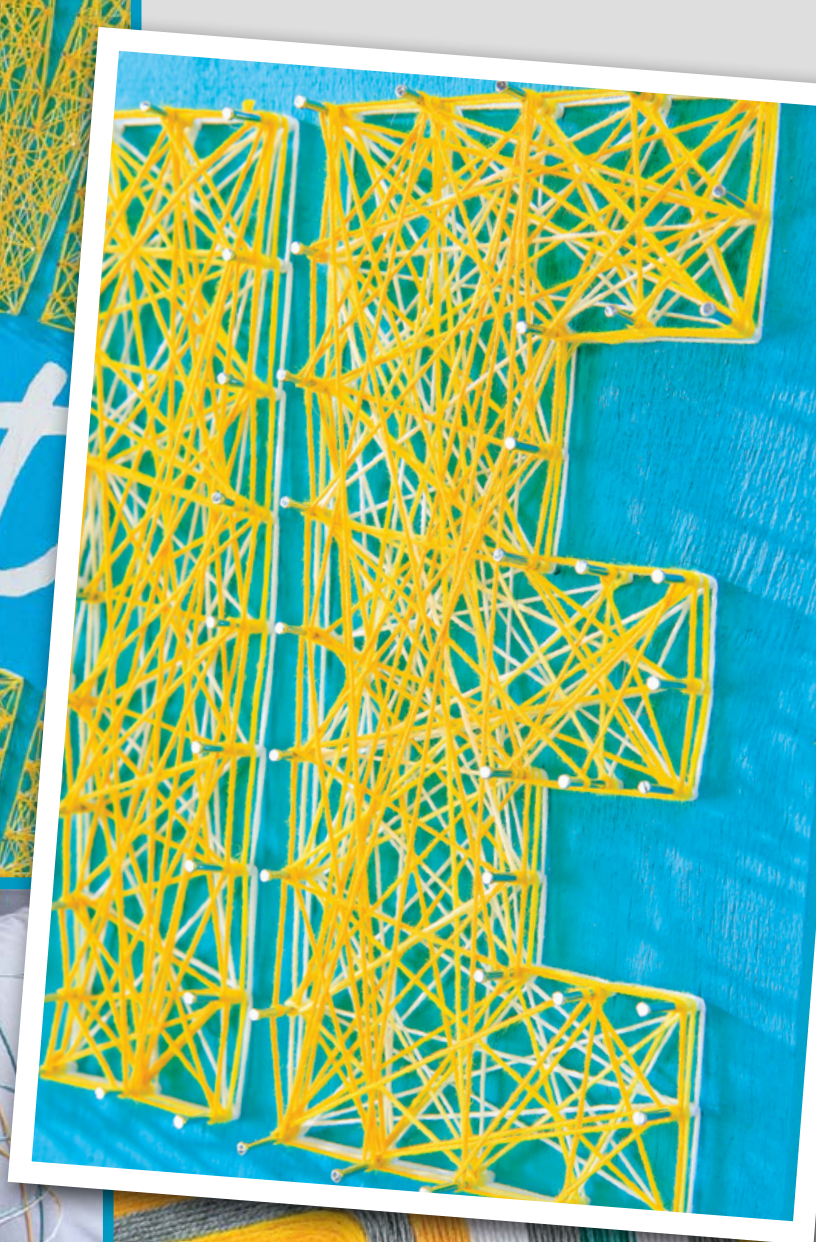
standing room only

Are you a little lost when it comes to decorating with floss? Not to worry! We've got you covered with sculptural knickknacks, mind-bending art, contemporary throw pillows and more. That's right, it's fun to wrap your world in a whirl of colorful, versatile, fabulous floss...and we'll take you through it project by project.



» floss thoughts

You're looking for perfect one-of-a-kind wall art, and we think we've nailed it! This piece was built on a rectangle of painted plywood. We stenciled on a sweet sentiment, and we followed the lines with nails instead of paint. Then we wrapped to our heart's content!



≈ it's a wrap You've got a soft spot for floss, and now's the time to flaunt it! Take it easy with a simple accent pillow wrapped in strand after strand of our versatile embroidery thread. We used a mix of vibrant colors for the ultra-contemporary look shown here.

» square deal

This is not your grandmother's embroidery thread! That's because for this look, there's no stitching required. This geometric masterpiece is formed from rows and rows of colorful floss. The eye-popping pattern is held in place with double-sided adhesive.



and... Here's a symbol for fun, flossed-out style. This quirky ampersand was formed from chenille stems (available in the Crafts Department). But the playful, pièce de résistance color? That comes from generously wrapped embroidery thread.



≈ light-headed This handmade lantern takes "luxurious" to a crafty new level! We primed the bare wood piece with acrylic paint and antiquing stain. Then we wrapped it with shimmering metallic floss. **Tip:** Want some extra twinkle? Try beading a few sections of the floss as you wrap. Gorgeous!

≈ bowled over This sculptural bowl is a wonderfully textured mix of ribbon and embroidery floss. We arranged the circular piece between layers of tissue paper, and we machine-stitched asterisk-style lines through it to hold it together. Then we placed it over an upturned bowl, painted it with fabric stiffener (available in the Crafts Department) and let it dry overnight.

