



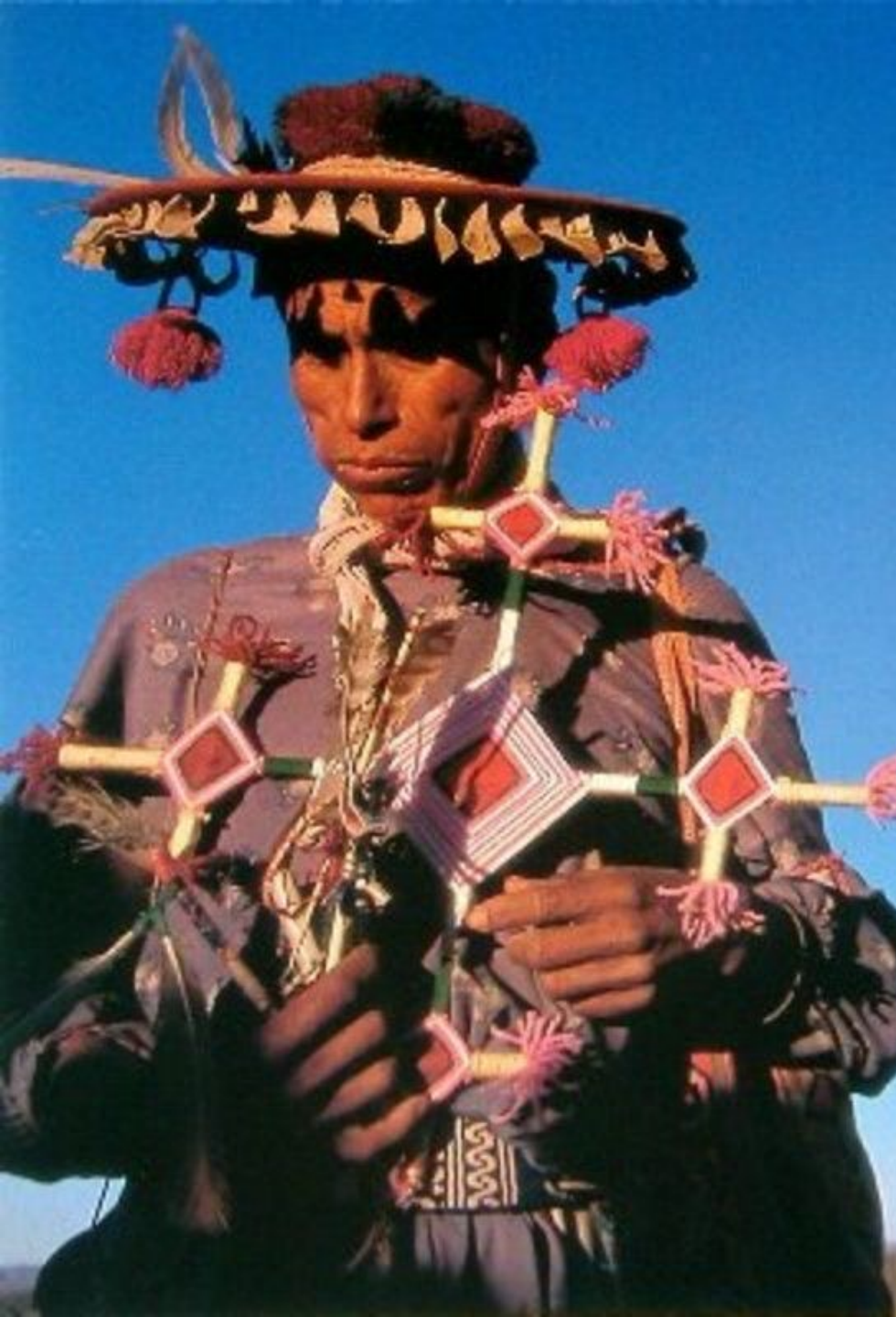
Ojo de Dios

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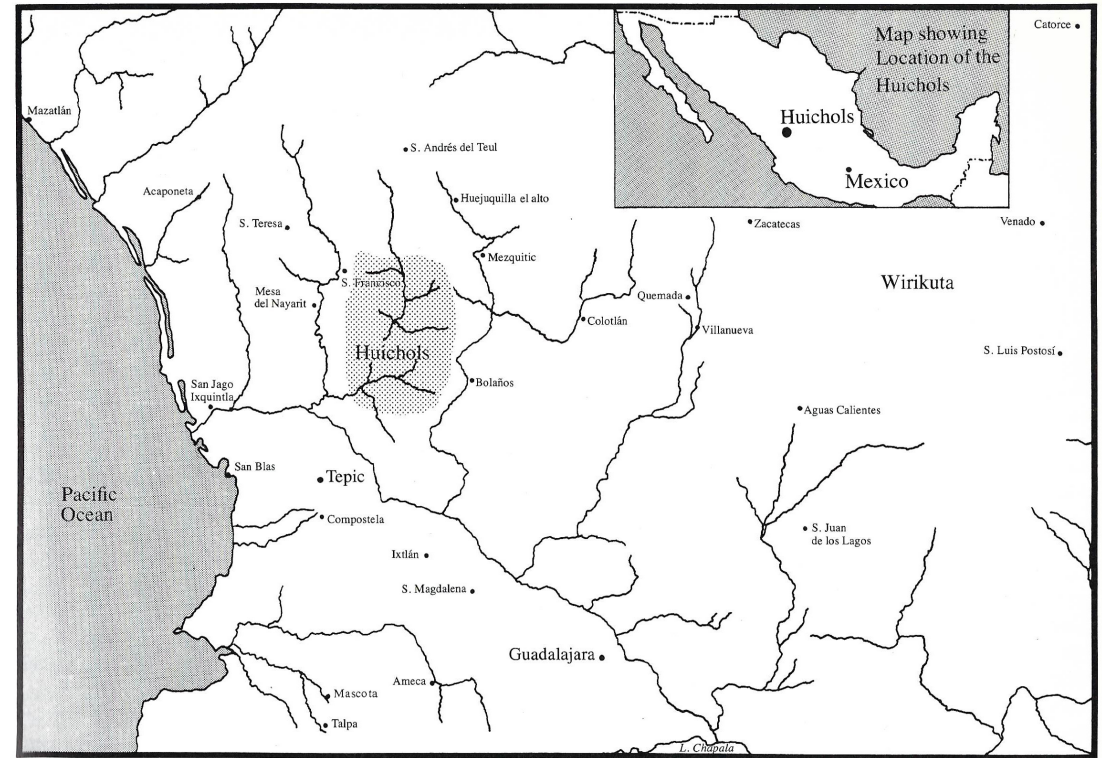


Introduction

- The Ojo de Dios, or God's Eye, is a ritual tool, magical object and cultural symbol from the 15th century.
- Ojo de Dios is said to bring good luck, good fortune and favor from the gods.

History

- Ojo de Dios is a yarn weaving, religious symbol and spiritual object of the Huichol Indians of western Mexico.
- When Spanish colonists arrived in the region in the 1500s, these woven yarn charms got the name “God’s Eye” – a name that is still used today.



Location of the Huichol, after a map in *Symbolism of the Huichol Indians* by Carl Lumholtz.



More about Ojo de Dios

- The four points of the central weaving represents earth, fire, air and water.
- It is also a physical representation of praying for health, fortune and a long life.
- It is a portal from the mortal to the spiritual world.

Traditional colors used in Ojo de Dios and their meaning

Black = Life

Blue = Rain + Water

White = Clouds

Red = Life of the Gods

Purple = Earthly Man

Yellow = Sun God

Green = God of Fertility

Supplies

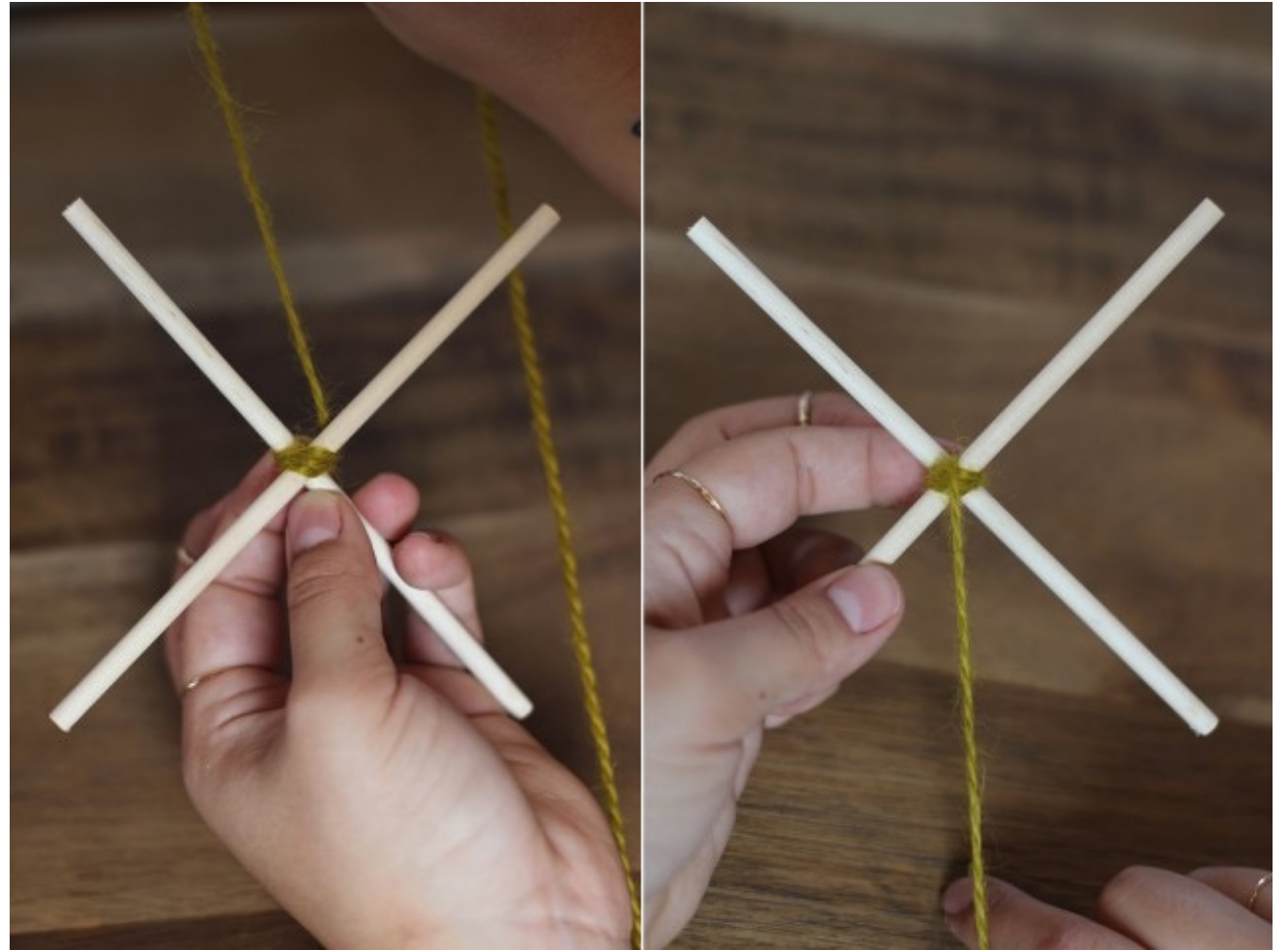
2-4 of any of the following:

- Wooden Dowels (6-12" in length)
- Wood Coffee Stirrers or Sticks (6-7 1/2" in length)
- Twigs or Sticks
- Yarn (any colors) 4-5 yards per color
- Sharp Scissors
- Wire or Bread Tie (for younger kids)



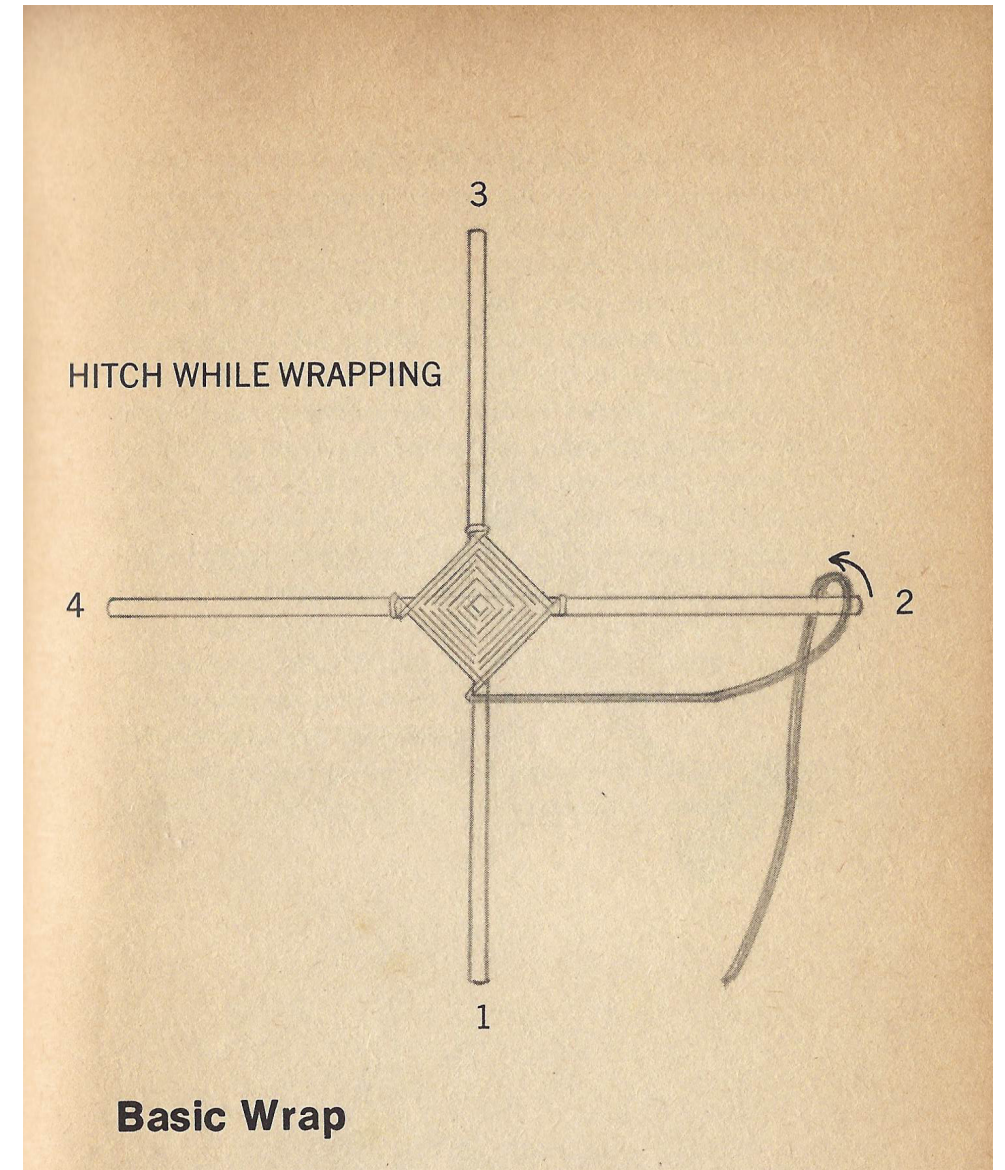
Making the Skeleton

- Cut a small piece of yarn 2-3" and tie around the 2 sticks. Make a double knot.
- For younger kids, use the Wire Tie and wrap it around the 2 sticks to secure them together to make an "+".



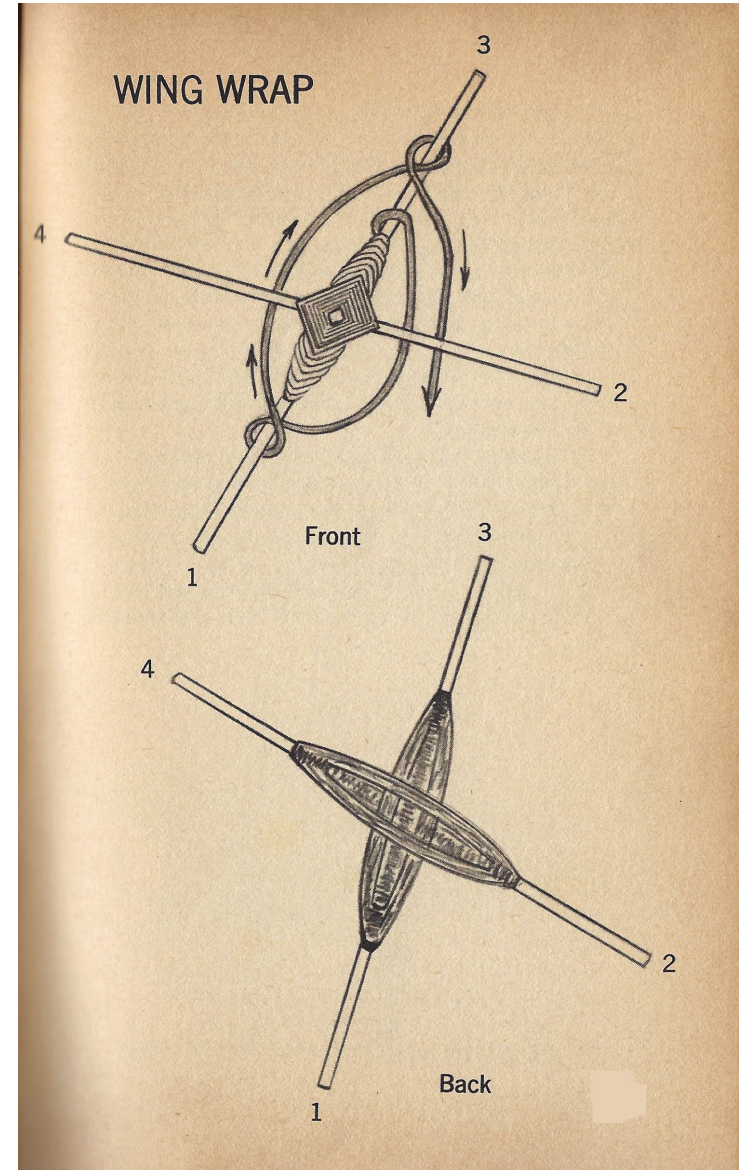
Basic Wrap

- Please watch the video for a detailed explanation.



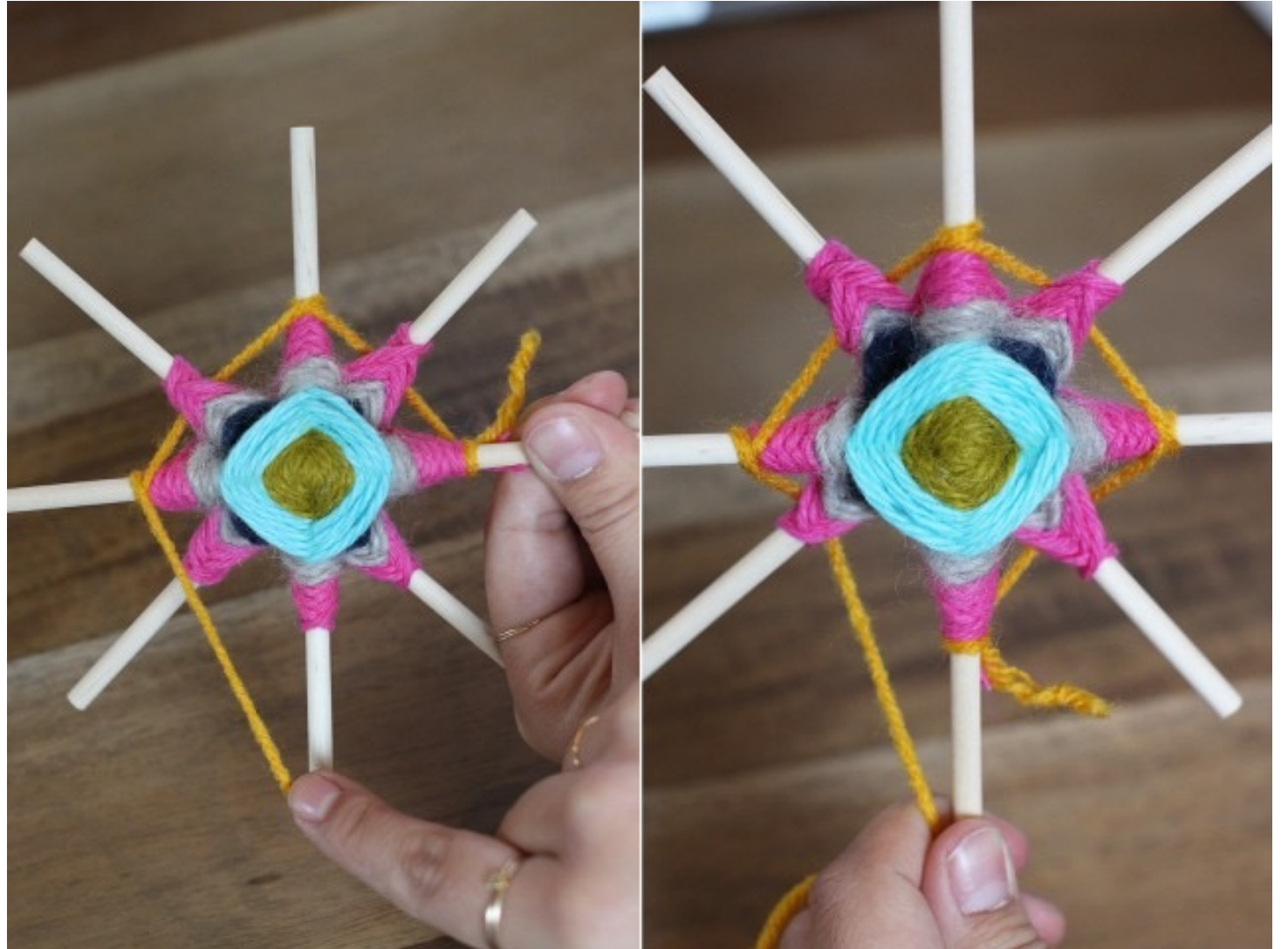
Wing Wrap

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Alternative Wrap

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Tips & Suggestions

- As you go through the steps to create this project, feel free to start and stop the video as needed in order to fully understand and practice the steps involved in making the God's Eye.
- Use supplies you have at home, like found sticks or leftover yarn.
- It's okay to make mistakes – you can unwind the yard and try again! 😊
- If you would like to learn more about making other intricate styles and forms of Ojo de Dios, this book **Ojo de Dios – Eye of God**, by Charlet Albaum may be very helpful.