

Huichol Yarn Painting





The Huichol are indigenous people from Mexico.

One of their oldest and famous artforms is yarn painting.

The artform originates from their religious history of ceremonial tablets called nierika.



Many of the yarn paintings feature plants and animals that are important in the Huichol religion.

Modern yarn paintings have become larger and much more intricate than the historical inspiration.



The Deer God, the Shaman, and the Maize of Five Colors -Nierika Yarn Painting

Pick a plant or animal to feature in your yarn painting.

Choose something that has significance or means something to you.

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4. Complete an artist statement/reflection sheet.

