



WISH SCROLL

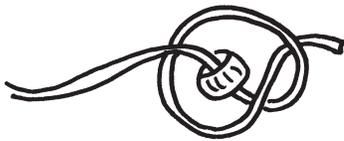
from Ethiopia

Small scrolls are made in Ethiopia, rolled into metal or leather cases, and worn around the neck or tied to a belt. They contain prayers, cures, or talismans to ward off evil. These scrolls can be used for a wish scroll, containing personal, imaginary, or global wishes. To celebrate Martin Luther King Day, make one with a dream inside. For Earth Day, make a wish for the earth. In addition to the recycled film container, use saved thread, string, or ribbon, old beads or buttons, and make the scroll from a grocery bag or recycled paper.

You Need:

- ① 1 recycled film container with two holes (Have an adult make the holes. I use an awl and poke in one side and out the other.)
- ② 36" piece of crochet cotton or heavy thread
- ③ 2 beads, buttons, or plastic bread closures
- ④ 1 strip of paper 1 3/4" wide and as long as you want (I like to use a piece cut from a brown grocery bag)

1. Tie a bead to one end of the thread with the bead inside the knot. Tie another knot to make it a double knot.

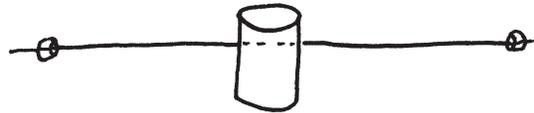


2. Feel the holes of the container. One is smooth and the other sticks out. At the smooth hole, push the thread into the hole from the outside of the container.

3. Pull the thread across the container and go out the other hole.

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4. Tie a bead to the other end of the thread with the bead inside the knot.



5. Pull up the thread from the center of the container.



6. Roll up the scroll and put in inside the container.

7. Put the lid on the container. Decorate the container if you want with stickers or paper and glue. I've found that glue stick works fine if you press the paper to help it adhere.

A more detailed explanation of the Wish Scroll with suggested readings, along with fifteen other book projects from around the world, is in Susan's Multicultural Books To Make And Share. Visit the Bookstore at makingbooks.com for more information.

