Throughout the course of this instruction set, you will be lead through the preparation and completion of putting your chosen design onto canvas board to hang on your wall. The hardest part of this project should be choosing your favorite design to put into action! From there, you can make decisions of how large you want the design to become, what colors to incorporate in your project, and how many parts will be needed.

This can be a quick ordeal for small project (less than a square foot of design) or a project that spans several days (multiple large boards of a more intricate design). This project is easier than most variations seen on the Internet because it uses canvas as a backdrop instead of heavy wood.

*Helpful hints will be highlighted in purple.*
Preparation

1. Choose a pattern or design. This will determine the size of the board needed, amount of yarn, colors of yarn, and amount of time needed.

2. Gather Materials:
   - Canvas Board(s) – Be sure that your design will fit on the board, or buy multiple boards!
   - Styrofoam boards – This will be used to anchor the nails
   - 1 ½ inch nails – One box of 100 nail should be enough for most projects. Large projects might need two boxes.
   - Hammer
   - Yarn – Choose colors that complement your design
   - Scissors
   - Paper – This will be used to make the stencil for your design
   - Tape
   - Super glue
   - Pencil
   - Ruler
   - Mounting Strips – Necessary if you live in an apartment or dorm and can’t leave marks!

3. Tape several sheets of paper together to create a single piece the exact same size as the canvas board.
   *This will allow you to transfer your design to the canvas board without drawing directly on the canvas. This way, you can make as many alterations as you need before any permanent changes are made to the board.*

4. Transfer your chosen design to the paper, either by free-hand sketching or printing and re-tracing.
   *If free hand sketching, use the ruler for any straight edges.*

5. Mark the lines of your stencil in 1” increments using the ruler.
   *This is where the nails will be placed.*

6. Tape the marked paper to your canvas board. Secure the edges so the stencil does not shift at all while making holes for the nails.
**Time For Action:** *Putting Preparation Into Product*

7. Use a single nail to poke holes through the paper and into the canvas, removing the nail each time. If the canvas is sturdy enough to hold the nail and rip off the paper without moving the nail, the nails can be left in place. If the canvas had wooden supports, use the hammer to make the hole.

*Only one nail is used because the nails will not stay in place well enough to rip the paper out from around the paper. Therefore, one is used to poke all of the holes first.*

*Caution: Be sure to use care when handling the hammer. Be aware of where your fingers are at all times, especially when hitting hard!*

8. Remove the paper stencil once all of the holes have been made.

9. Use the super glue to secure the Styrofoam backing to the canvas board.

*This is necessary because the canvas is not thick enough to support the nails sufficiently.*

*Make sure that the superglue has dried and the Styrofoam is secure before proceeding.*

10. Place a nail securely in each hole. See Figure 1.

*If the nail is not secure, tilt the nail to one side to get a different angle into the Styrofoam support until the nail is secure.*

11. Tie the yarn around a nail that makes a good starting place (such as the corner of a letter). Trim the excess yarn as close as possible to the knot. See Figure 2.

12. Wind the yarn in a random order until the entirety of your design is covered and has your desired look. See Figure 2.

13. Wrap the yarn all the way around your design at the end to get a clean look for the edges. See Figure 3.

14. Tie the remaining yarn to a nail and trim with scissors.

15. Repeat steps 11-14 for all separate sections (such as letters) of your design.
Hanging Your Finished Product

16. Place the mounting strips to the supporting beams of the canvas according to the directions on the packaging instructions, being careful not to mess up the nails or yarn.

17. Hang on wall in desired location. If desired, hang lights or other decorations around your final product to enhance the effect.

18. Post a picture of the complete project on your favorite social media for all of your friends to see your handiwork! Enjoy!