### **GOBBI MOBILE**

This mobile features a gradation of colored balls made of embroidery floss covering foam (or wooden) balls.

### **MATERIALS**

- Five, seven, or nine balls that are approximately 11/2-inch (4 cm) made of foam, wood, or felt
- Two skeins each of four or five gradations of a single color of embroidery floss (look for consecutive numbers on the labels)
- One 3-5 mm wooden dowel,
  25 cm in length
- · One large-eyed craft needle
- A (hot) knitting needle or pen to make hole
- Glue

#### CONSTRUCTION

# **Drilling method**

- 1. Carefully drill a 1/2-inch (1 cm) hole in each ball.
- 2. Cut each skein of floss in half and fold each half in two on the needle.
- 3. Make a knot in each half skein.
- **4.** Put double floss in the hole, making sure the knot goes and stays inside the hole.
- 5. Loop the floss through and around the ball.
- **6.** Keep looping around the ball, spacing thread about 1 centimeter apart, until the ball is totally covered.
- 7. Try to leave sufficient floss to hang the ball (see diagram for length variation). Filament or invisible thread will also work.

### Tips

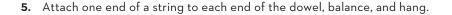
- When starting with a new piece of floss, tie it on so that the knot stays inside the hole.
- The dowel can be wrapped with the thread in the corresponding color gradations.

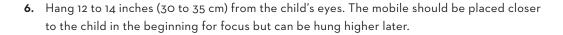
# Japanese non-drilling method

- 1. Put two pins in the ball.
- 2. Wrap the ball with the thread while holding it, using the pins to anchor the floss.
- 3. Cross the floss at the top and the bottom.

#### HANGING THE FINISHED BALLS ON THE MOBILE

- 1. Hang the balls in descending gradation from light (shortest) to dark (longest).
- 2. The balls should be equidistant from each other and not touching.
- **3.** Temporarily tie the balls to the dowel and arrange at an angle you choose, using a ruler to check the alignment.
- **4.** Once placed correctly, tie a strong knot around the dowel and secure with glue.





# **Alternative Pattern**

This gradation starts on both sides of the mobile, with the longest, darkest color in the middle. In any configuration, the darkest color should be lowest.

