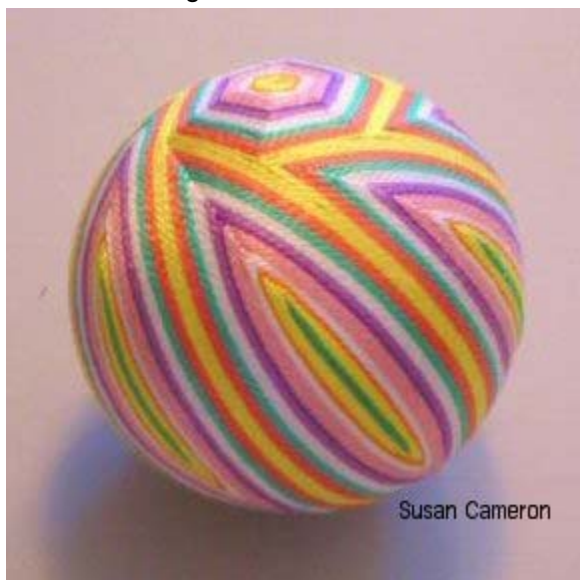


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Twisted Spindles with Hexagon Poles

This ball can be made on any size mari (mine was 3 inches in diameter) using an appropriate size perle (I used #5.) Your base will be completely covered so the wrap color does not matter. However, I would suggest using something of approximately the same color value as your perle.

Your marking threads will not show either ... so use whatever is cheap and have two colors handy. Hint: In a pattern where all the marking threads are to be covered, use regular sewing thread for the markings then you will not have ridges in your finished ball.



Mark your ball in an S6 divide with an obi. Add an extra marking line to form a hexagon around both the north and south poles (approx. 2 centimeters from the pole.) Label the 6 pentagon points at the north pole as A through F. Label the 6 pentagon points at the south pole as 1 through 6, with 1 being on the same vertical line as A, 2 being on the same vertical line as B, etc.

Now with a different color sewing thread add additional marking lines from point A at the north pole to point 4 at the south pole (should be directly opposite each other on the mari), from point B at the north pole to point 5 at the south pole, etc., continuing in this fashion until you have all 6 oblique lines from the north pole hexagon to the south pole hexagon, with each one crossing a vertical line at the obi. Tack these threads at the obi.

You will now work your spindles on the oblique marking lines (the ones marked in your second color thread.) Place two pins on the marking thread that runs from Point A to Point 4 (the "A to 4 line"), dividing that line into equal thirds. These are the pins around which you will stitch your spindle. (I found it helpful to put two more pins on the obi, one ½ way between the A to 4 line and the B to 5 line, and the other ½ way between the A to 4 line and the F to 3 line ... these gave me a guide as to how wide to make my spindle.) As you work your spindle be sure to stretch the points. When the spindle is completed you want the sides of the points to fall alongside the lines marking the hexagons at the poles. Complete the other five spindles in the same manner ... using the same number of rounds of each color as you did on the first spindle.

As the last step, you will stitch the hexagons at the two poles ... and your temari is complete. This pattern also has the potential for making a fun and interesting bits ball.

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