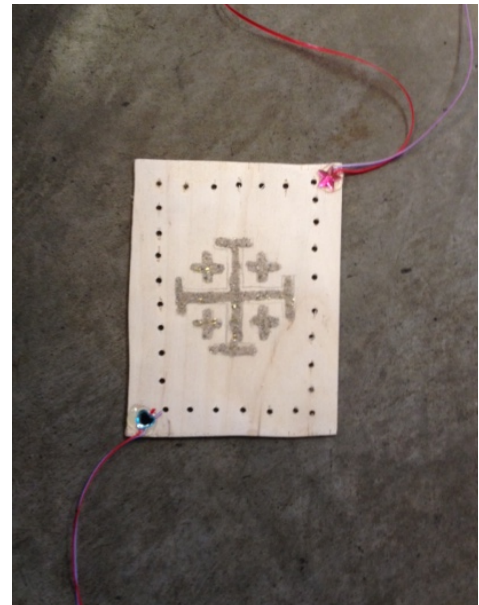


### Create your own Liturgical Lacing Cards



***Materials needed:** plywood boards, sandpaper, drill, wood finish, pencil, ruler; modpodge, large paintbrush, icons printed on paper (3x4"), paint pens; symbols printed on paper (3x4"), pencil, tacky glue, sand, paint pens; colored laces, scissors, hot glue gun, "jewels"*



#### **Prep the boards**

1. Cut boards ~6" x 8"
2. Sand edges
3. Use a ruler to measure ½ " border from each edge, mark with thin pencil line
4. Use pencil to mark light spots for holes all along the border, ~ ½" apart (or you can skip this step and just "eye-ball" it.)
5. Use a drill to drill holes. I found I could easily stack & drill 3 boards at one time. Drill in. Reverse drill out.
6. Sand back and front of board to eliminate splinters.
7. Spray (or paint) back and front of board with finish.

#### **Decorate the FRONT of the board**

1. Cut out/trim seasonal icons (printed from computer on regular paper). Icons should be no larger than 3"x4"
2. Use a large paintbrush to paint a thin layer of modpodge over the FRONT of the board.
3. Carefully position icon over the board, press down onto the modpodge.
4. Spread a thin layer of modpodge over the top of the icon.
5. Allow to dry.
6. Use paint pens to label, decorate, embellish, illuminate, illustrate the space surrounding the icon.

### Decorate the BACK of the board

1. Cut out a square of paper (~3" x 4") on which is printed a Christian symbol.
2. Use a pencil to shade the BACK of the paper
3. Center the square of paper on the BACK of the board, with the symbol facing up.
4. Use a pencil to trace the symbol.
5. Remove the paper (there should be a faint outline of the symbol remaining on the board.)
6. Use a thin paintbrush to paint the symbol on the board with glue.
7. Cover the glue with sand, then dump off excess sand.
8. Allow to dry.
9. Use gold or silver paint pens to outline symbol.

### Add laces

1. Cut 2-4 laces per card ~3' long each.
2. On the back of the card (sand/symbol side): Anchor 1-2 laces in upper left hand corner of the card. Anchor another 1-2 laces in lower right hand corner of the card.
3. Anchor the ends of the lace to the board using hot glue. Use a "jewel" to cover and press down the lace into the hot glue and board. (You could also just anchor the ends with a knot, but I think the glue/jewel thing looks neater.)

SEASON	COLOR (FOR LACES)	SYMBOL (FOR SAND)
Ordinary Time	Green/Gold	Trinity
Advent	Blue/Gold	Alpha/Omega
Epiphany	White/Gold	Icthyus (Fish)
Lent	Purple/Black	Jerusalem Crosses
Easter	White/Gold	Chi Rho (PX)
Pentecost	Red/Gold	Dove