

## String It Up! - Pueblo Chile

### Ristra Activity

**Academic Standard Connections:** This activity asks students to create their own Pueblo Chile pepper pod and then string together multiple pods (as a class or individually) to create a pepper ristra, meeting standards for Grades P-2 Visual Arts (P:IDC.1; K:IDC.1; 1:IDC.1; 2:IDC.1)

**Background:** A ristra is like a colorful necklace made of dried chili peppers! These peppers are strung together to create a beautiful decoration. People hang ristras in their homes to bring a touch of Southwest charm and a pop of vibrant red color. It's not just a pretty ornament – some believe it brings good luck and wards off evil spirits. Imagine having a string of spicy peppers hanging in your kitchen or garden, adding a dash of flavor to your surroundings!

**Instructions:** Use your creativity to fill in this Pueblo Chile pepper pod outline. Use crayons, markers, colored pencils, small squares of red and green tissue paper glued on, or whatever you have available to you. Then cut out the chile pepper pod. Punch a hole near the top of the pod and string together with other pods to create a ristra of Pueblo Chile peppers

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Copy as needed.

