



Exploring 4-H at Home

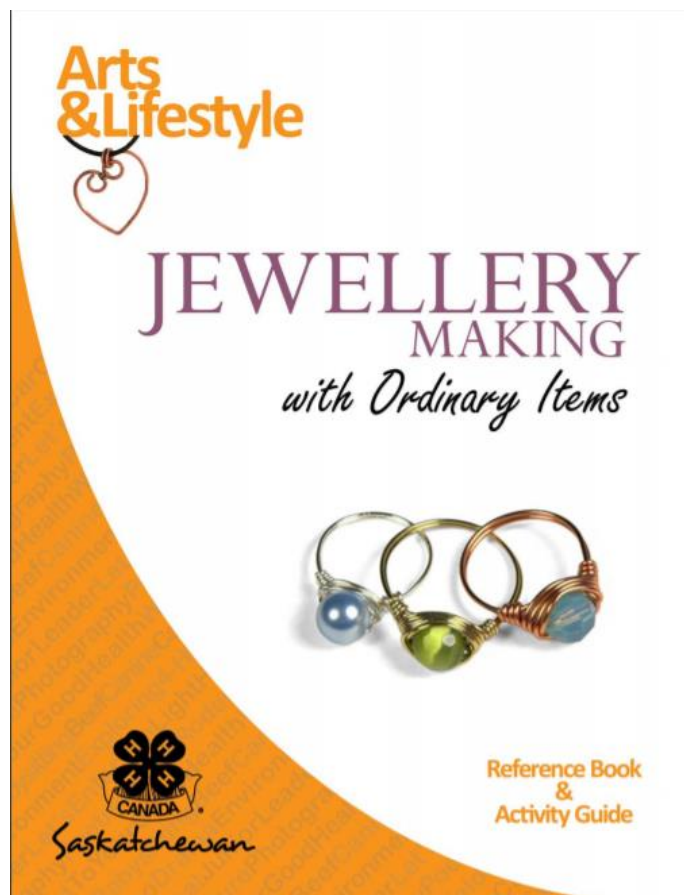


Environment & Healthy
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Pillar: Environment & Healthy Living

Project: Jewellery Making

Activity: Paper Beads



Activity 1 – Paper Beads

In this activity, you will be making beads from strips of paper. You can use any paper but magazines, scrapbook paper and gift wrap are good. Try using recycled item.

Start with making a long triangle piece of paper to make your first bead, which will be an oval or tapered bead. Try making round and squared off beads too. Make a number of beads in different shapes, sizes and colour. You will be using these beads to make a bracelet and dangles.

Time Allowance

At least 30 minutes to make 20 beads. Allow the glue to dry for at least one hour, or preferably overnight before sealing.

Materials and Tools

- Paper – at least 30 cm (12 inches) long
- Boxboard
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Wire – 16-gauge wire or skewer
- White glue
- Sealer – optional



Instructions

1. Draw a triangle pattern on your cardboard. Remember that the wider the base of your triangle, the wider your bead. A good size is 1 cm (1/2 inch), but any size is fine. Make sure that your pattern is 30 cm (12 inches) long so the bead ends up being sturdy. Cut out your pattern.
2. Trace around your pattern onto paper – keeping in mind to place it so that you get a variety of colours and patterns which will create an interesting bead.
3. Cut out your strips.
4. 'Precoil' your strips if you like.



