

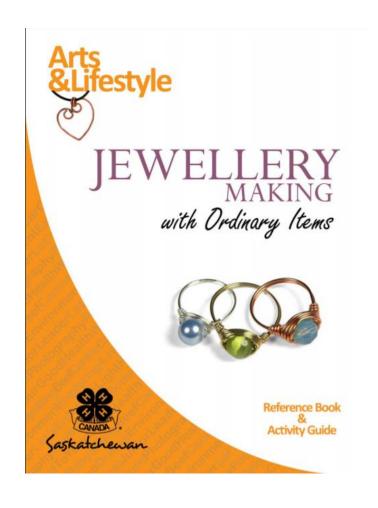
Exploring 4-H at Home



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 a 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

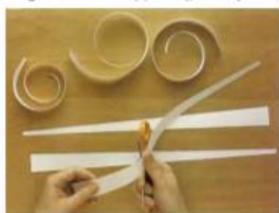
At least 30 minutes to make 20 beads. Allow the glue to dry for at least one hour, or preferably overnight before sealing.

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

- 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.
- 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.



- Wrap the wide end of your strips tightly around wire, skewer or pencil and secure with a spot of glue. Be careful not to get glue on your wire, or the bead will be difficult to remove.
- Continue to roll tightly using the occasional dab of glue. Keep the strip centred as you roll.
- 7. Seal the tip down with glue.
- 8. Set aside to dry.
- 9. Seal if wished.

Internet Resources

How to Make Paper Beads by BeyondBracelets http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnTWQ77 g1Y4

Recycling paper: African beads made of paper http://www.craft-craft.net/recycling-paper



Link - Magazine Bead Jewellery http://www.thriftyfun.com/tf87489848.tip.html

Link - Magazine Bead Bracelet http://spoonful.com/crafts/magazine-bead-bracelet

Post-Activity Questions

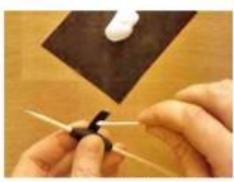
a. Did you have any challenges making your paper beads?



c. Did you enjoy making paper beads?



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