



Button Pendant

Let's make a simple pendant using a selection of buttons.

Equipment

1. One large button, for example from a large coat.
2. Seven smaller buttons, for example from shirts or trousers. These can be all one colour, or perhaps two different colours, or a range of colours.
3. Approximately one metre of thin cord.
4. Some paper glue, such as Copydex.



Safety Stuff

Working with items such as scissors can be dangerous, so be very careful when you use them. Make sure that you never leave them open or lying around where smaller children can reach them.

Keep small items such as beads, shells and buttons away from babies and young children as they can easily be swallowed. Before starting to make the jewellery, cover the work surface with some newspaper or an old cloth, and make sure you're wearing an apron or some old clothes. Gather together all the items you'll need before you begin. Most of the items can probably be found by hunting around the house, but remember to check with an adult before you take anything!

When you have finished, don't forget to tidy everything away. Wash any paint brushes you have used (otherwise you'll regret it next time you try to use them!) and remember to put the tops back on pens, paint and glue pots. It's a good idea to keep special pens, glue, scissors and other equipment together in an old box or container, so you'll be able to find them easily next time!

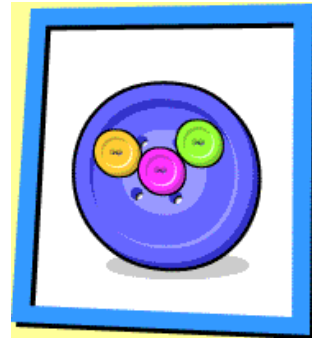
Steps

Step One

Start by gluing one of the small buttons to the centre of the coat button.

Then glue the remaining six buttons around the central one, to form an attractive pattern. For example you could alternate different colours, or line up the central grooves and thread holes so that they all point towards the centre.

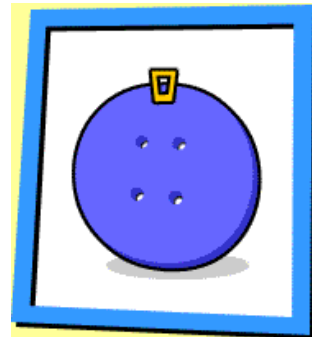
Can you design any more interesting patterns?



Step Two

Next, attach the cord to the coat button. How will you do this? You could thread the cord through the eyes of the coat button (how will you stop the button sliding along the thread?). Or you could glue something to the top of the button to thread the cord through.

Measure out the length of cord you want to use, to hang the pendant around your neck. Make sure you select enough cord.



Step Three

Thread one end of the cord through the buttons (or the eyelet you have glued on) and knot the two ends of the cord together.

Your pendant is now finished! Make sure that the knot is at the back of your neck when you wear your new pendant.

There are many different materials you could attach to the large coat button to make your pendant. Can you think of some? (What about balls of silver paper?) How would you attach them to the button?

