

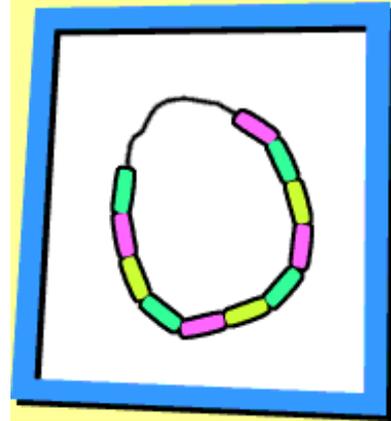


Paper Necklace

Design and make a necklace using rolled up paper beads. You could make one to match the button pendant. First collect together the items needed to make the necklace.

Equipment

1. Some pages torn from colour magazines, or alternatively some sheets of different coloured wrapping paper.
2. A pin or fine knitting needle.
3. A large sewing needle with a big eye, threaded with a length of elastic or wool.
4. Some paper glue.
5. Scissors.



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!

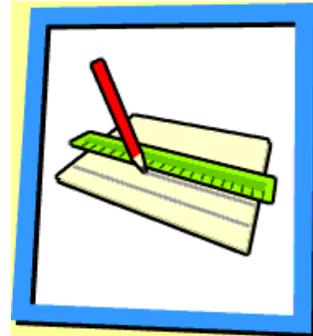
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Step One

Start by drawing lines on the back of each piece of paper, to divide it into strips. Each strip should be approximately 20cm long and about 2.5cm wide.

How wide you draw the strips will depend on how long you want the beads to be. Why not make a selection of strips of different widths and combine them in your necklace?

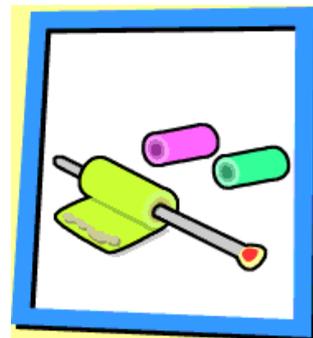
Cut out the strips you have drawn.



Step Two

Wrap each strip of paper around the knitting needle, making sure that you wind the paper as evenly as possible.

When you get close to the end of each strip, put some glue on the last section of the paper strip. Then finish rolling up the bead and make sure the end of the strip is stuck down well.



Step Three

When the glue is dry, carefully slip the bead off the knitting needle. You have now made the first bead for your necklace.

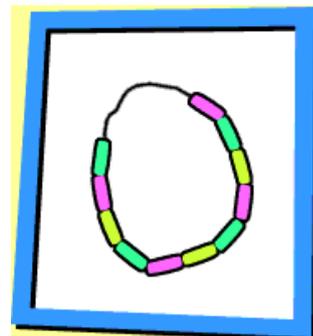
Repeat this process to create the rest of the beads. You'll probably need between 15 and 20 beads to make a necklace, although this will depend on how long you want it to be and also the width of the beads.

Step Four

When you have made enough beads, use a large sewing needle with a big eye to thread them onto the piece of elastic or wool.

When the necklace is long enough, knot the ends together making sure that it will fit over your head.

Your necklace is now ready to wear!



Step Five – Bead Ideas

You can experiment with different techniques to make your paper bead jewellery more original. For example, try threading coloured wooden beads between the paper ones. Or you could make beads with different shapes.

What difference does it make if you use a triangular piece of paper make to the final shape of the bead? Or how about threading the beads vertically to make a wider bracelet?

Step Six – Different Beads

You could also try painting the beads when you have made them (this works best if you have used newspaper or plain paper).

Can you think of ways to make each bead much stronger? (Hint: use papier-mâché or sticky-back plastic, or apply a coat of varnish to make them shiny and help protect them.) What else could you make the beads out of?