

WHAT'S IN MY BAG?

- recycled paper
- ruler
- template
- waxed cord
- glue stick
- pencil
- toothpick
- clasp
- *a pair of scissors and a hard, flat work surface will come in handy! And why not use this paper bag to protect your work surface?!

WHAT'S A PAPER BEAD?

Paper beads are exactly what they sounds like....beads made out of strips of paper. The paper is cut and then rolled around a toothpick or pencil.

You can use just about any type of paper for this project. Today, we'll be using bright, shiny & colorful recycled pages!

DID YOU KNOW?

Many civilizations throughout history (we're talking more than 40,000 years ago!) have made paper beads. These beads were used not only for jewelry, but currency!

PAPER BEADS



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1: TRACE YOUR TEMPLATE

Different shaped templates will give you differently shaped beads. Today, we will make a long bead that is tapered at the end and has a thicker center... a long triangle, like this. Use the included template or make your own!

2: ROLL

Lay one of the triangles on a table in front of you, pointed end up. Place the toothpick or pencil (for the younger crowd) across the bottom edge nearest you, opposite the point.

Holding the paper and toothpick/pencil together, slowly begin rolling upward toward the point. Add glue to the tip of the triangle as you go.

Slide the rolled bead off the toothpick/pencil and set aside to dry.

Now REPEAT until you have a whole bunch of beads.

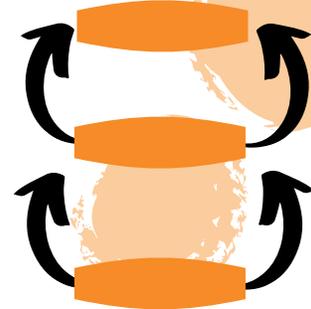
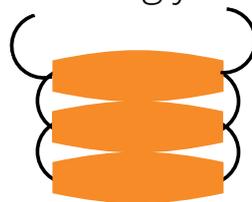
3: STRING THOSE BEADS!

Thread one of the beads onto a length of cord and slide it along so it sits roughly in the middle.

Take a second bead, and push one end of the cord through from left to right, and the opposite end of the cord through from right to left.

Pull the cord tight, so the second bead sits snugly on top of the first one. Repeat!

Lots of beads = Bracelet
Few beads = Necklace



Tie off the cord, making a loop on one end and attaching your clasp on the other. Now rock your new jewelry!

YAY!!!