

Crafting with the Körners: Paper Bead Garland

The creation of 'modern' paper beads is thought to have begun in the Victorian era in England, where women had access to magazines, newspapers, and other paper material. Women would even use scraps of patterned wallpaper to create elaborate garlands, jewelry, and even beaded curtains.

You can use construction paper, magazines, or other patterned papers to create your own paper beads, just like the Victorians did.

Difficulty: Intermediate - Advanced

Ages: 6+ with cutting and rolling assistance

Time: 30 mins – 1 hour

Materials:

Paper

School glue or Mod Podge (must dry clear)

Paintbrush

Scissors

Pencil

Glitter (optional)

Barbecue skewer or cocktail straw

Tape measure or ruler



DIRECTIONS (See next pages for images):

Step 1. Measure and cut paper strips at least 12" long and 3" wide.

Step 2. Use pencil to trace lines on strips – different shapes make different beads!

Step 3. Pour a small amount of glue or Mod Podge into a bowl or container, and get your paintbrush ready.

Step 4. Starting at the widest part of the strip, start tightly rolling the paper around the skewer or straw, keeping the strip tight. After one complete roll, use the paintbrush to dab glue on the strip.

Step 5. Keep rolling until the paper is completely wrapped around the skewer, held in place by the glue. To secure the bead, use paintbrush to apply a thin layer of glue all over the outside of the bead.

Step 6. Before the bead dries, carefully slide it off the skewer or straw, and stand upright or store on another skewer or wire, apart from other beads.

Step 7. You can add glitter to your glue or Mod Podge for an even shinier look!

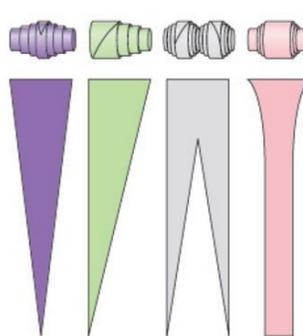
Step 8. Repeat process to make more beads, then let dry completely before using to make jewelry or even a garland for the Christmas tree!



Measure paper for strips at least 12" long, and 3" wide



Cut strips



Use pencil to draw shapes on back side of paper



Cut along pencil lines to create paper strips in different shapes



Roll strip tightly on skewer or straw, dabbing glue down length of strip



Roll entire strip on skewer or straw, then coat outside with craft glue or Mod Podge



For shinier beads, mix glitter with glue or Mod Podge and brush all over outside

Let beads dry completely before using to make jewelry or a garland for the Christmas tree! Beads dry best standing up or on skewers not touching each other.



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