

Paper Bead Instructions

Provided Supplies:

- Book pages
- Coffee stirrers
- Bead template
- Pre-cut paper triangles
- 12" elastic cord

Supplies From Home:

- Scissors
- Glue (sticks or white/school glue)
- Pencil or pen

Instructions:

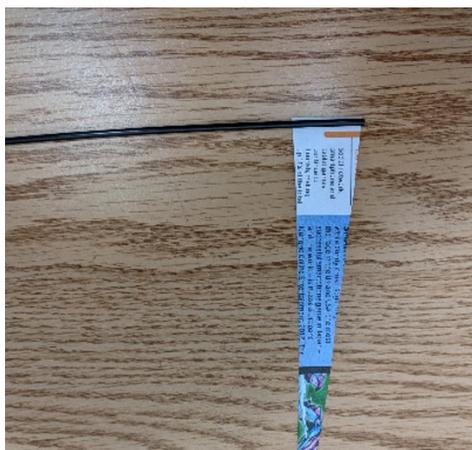
1. Using one of the bead templates or free hand, cut out your paper to size

Tip: Wider triangle shapes make wider, flatter beads while thinner triangles make rounder, narrower shaped beads. Experiment with different paper shapes and lengths.

2. Take your coffee stirrer and a paper triangle, place the paper on a flat surface with the side of the paper you want on the outside of the bead facing down.

Start wrapping the wide end of the paper around the coffee stirrer. Start at one end of the coffee stirrer to make sure you have room to make all your beads.

3. After one roll around the coffee stirrer, apply a little glue to the side of the paper facing up and continue rolling.



4. Repeat rolling and applying glue until you reach the end of the paper. Make sure that the end of the paper is secured well.

5. Select another strip of paper and repeat steps 2-4 until you have made the number of beads you need for your bracelet. Leave the bead on the coffee stirrer, it will form the inside of you bead.

6. Optional: apply clear sealant, varnish or mod podge to the outside of your beads to make them more durable. Let this coat dry before continuing.

7. Once you have completed your beads, carefully trim the coffee stirrer so that the edge of the paper is flush with the edge of the paper. If your bead is loosely rolled, you can also remove it from the coffee stirrer and it will keep its shape.

8. String your beads onto the elastic, tie a knot to secure the ends. Heating the knot up slightly with a lighter may help to keep it from unraveling. Be careful not to heat the knot too much!

9. Wear and enjoy your paper bead bracelet! Be careful with it in the rain or near water.

Extra tips:

- Enough elastic cording is provided in your kit to make a bracelet, if you would like to make a necklace, you can use yarn, sting, beading cord, etc. Whatever you have on hand!

- You can use other small round stick-like objects, such as toothpicks, bamboo skewers or thin dowels to make more beads. If using one of these options, be careful to not glue the paper to the toothpick/bamboo skewer/dowel.

- For kids, use drinking straws to wrap the bead around, like the coffee stirrer, you can leave them inside the middle of the bead.

- Use other beads as spacers between your paper beads or make different styles of paper beads to alternate between.