

MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER BEADS

MATERIALS:

Medium to Heavy Weight Decorative Paper (I like Black Ink papers)
Tacky Glue (I like Aleene's)
Paper Glaze (I use Aleene's) or Clear Nail Polish
Straight Edge
Small Paint Brush (use with Paper Glaze)
Scissors or Craft Knife
Bamboo Skewers, Knitting Needles, Commercial jig for making paper beads
Pencil

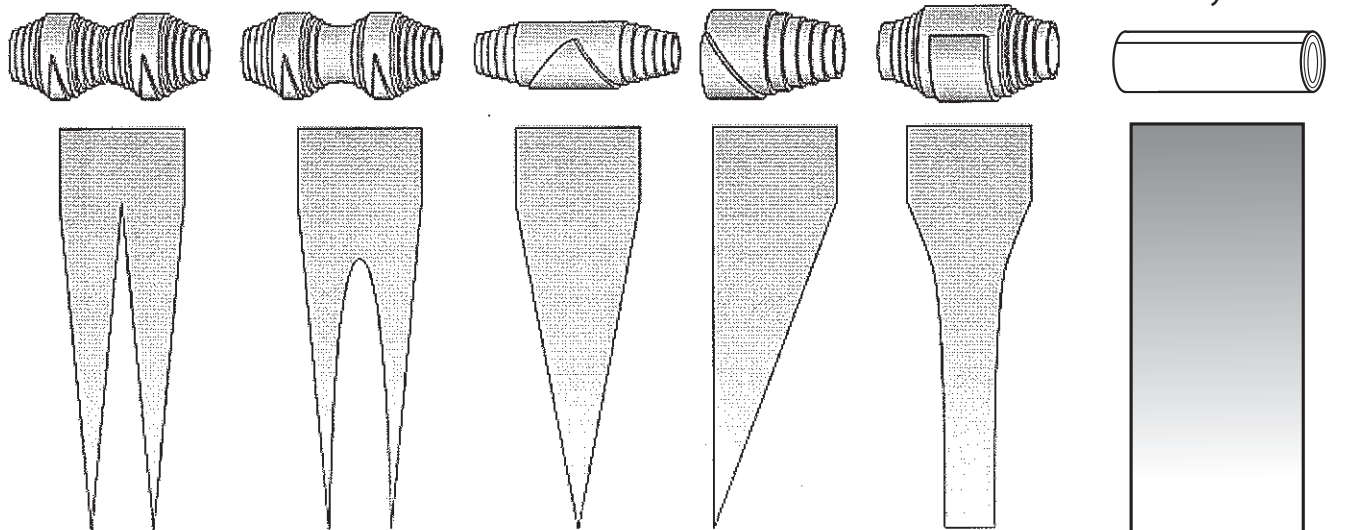
Use a straight edge to measure mark $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch vertical lines on the wrong side of the paper. This will be the width of your beads. You can cut the strips with scissors, but I like to use a straight edge and craft knife to get a clean edge. Depending on the weight of your paper, you can cut the strips in half or in quarters – lighter weight papers require longer strips to get substantial thickness for the bead.

Take strip of paper and wrap the edge around the skewer and start rolling keeping the paper strip flat and tight – I find it easiest to roll towards my body so I can adjust the paper to keep the wrap straight. When you get to the end, dab on the Tacky glue and press down firmly and hold until the seal is set.

Once the glue has dried completely, transfer the bead to another skewer and seal the bead with Paper Glaze or Nail Polish. Let the glaze or polish dry for about an hour and the beads will be ready to string!

NOTES:

Try different shaped paper strips for variety!



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STRING A BASIC BRACELET Using Cylinder Shaped Paper Beads

MATERIALS:

3 yards of 1.5 mm leather, waxed linen or elastic cord – your choice

16 to 20 cylinder shaped paper beads

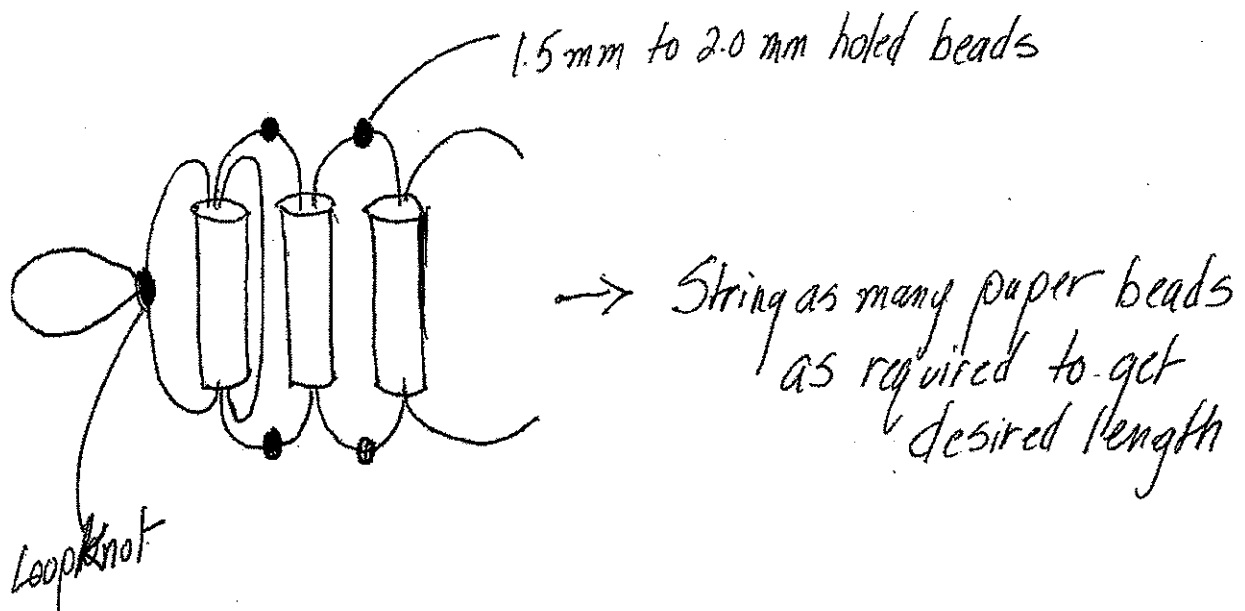
16 to 18 accent beads with 1.5 to 2.0 mm holes – silver, gold, glass – your choice

1 really cool button for the closure

Super or Gorilla Glue

Fold the cord in half and tie a loop knot about an inch or so (the loop needs to fit over the button) from at folded end.

Take each end of cord and thread through opposite ends of the paper bead centering the loop knot. For the first bead, thread one end of cord through twice to stabilize the bracelet – pull the cords tight. Thread one of the accent beads on each end of cord before threading the next paper bead – again, pull the cords tight. Continue until you get the desired length. After the last paper bead is added, thread one of the end cords through the last paper bead twice to stabilize and add the button to complete the closure, knot off and cut the excess cord. I like to dab a bit of glue on the knots next to the button for insurance.



WEAR YOUR NEW BRACELET !