

Paper Bead Bookmarks

MATERIALS

- Paper: Magazine or colored paper
- Toothpicks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Foam or Pain Brush
- Pencil or Pen
- Modge Podge or glue
- Cording
- Decorative Items: buttons, charms, etc.



DIRECTIONS

1. Using the ruler draw 1/2 inch strips on the paper
2. Cut out the strips of paper
3. Choose which side of the paper you want showing - that will be the top. The side you don't want shown will be the back.
4. Place the back side of the paper face-up.
5. Using your brush put a light amount of glue on the edge of one end of the paper starting a few centimeters from the edge.
6. Place the toothpick at the edge of the strip of paper right before the glue starts. Roll the paper around the toothpick.
7. Add more glue as you go until you reach the end. Seal the other edge down and slide the toothpick out of the tube you created.
8. Let the bead dry.
9. To make the bead last longer coat the outside with a thin layer of glue and let dry.
10. Next cut a length of cording about 16 inches long (for a hardback book).
11. Attach your charm to one end of the cord with a knot. Place a little glue on the knot to secure.
12. String a few beads and then tie a knot right above the last bead. One end done.
13. Now tie another knot a few inches down from the other end and then string your beads leaving enough room to attach your other charm. Once the other charm is attached the bookmark is complete.

NOTES

- The wider the strips of paper the longer the beads will be.
- Try cutting out different shapes like triangles to make various shaped beads.
- Instead of using a toothpick try rolling the paper around a chopstick to make a bead with a larger opening.