

MAKE A UGANDAN PAPER BEAD NECKLACE

In Africa, people show their creativity and resourcefulness by making and wearing paper bead jewelry, a traditional Ugandan craft. Here's how you and your family can make your own!



SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED:

- Colorful paper from magazines, gift wrap, maps, etc.
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Pencil, pen, straw, or other kind of stick-shaped object (You need something to roll the paper onto. If your object has a larger diameter, your bead will be larger.)
- Clear or glitter nail polish
- String to hang your beads on

STEPS TO TAKE:

1. Cut the colorful pieces of paper into long triangular strips. The wider they are, the wider the beads will be.
2. Choose one strip, lay it on your table, and put the pencil horizontally against the widest edge of the paper.
3. Roll the paper around the pencil one time, then put glue on the unrolled part of the strip.
4. Continue rolling and gluing until the paper is fully rolled around the pencil.
5. Slide the paper off the pencil.
6. Once the glue is dry, paint the paper bead with the nail polish to give it a finished coating.
7. Make more paper beads and wait for them to dry. Then thread your beads on a string to make a necklace (or bracelet)!

When you wear your beads, they can remind you to pray for people in Africa.