

Let's Make – Paper Bead Necklace

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You will need:

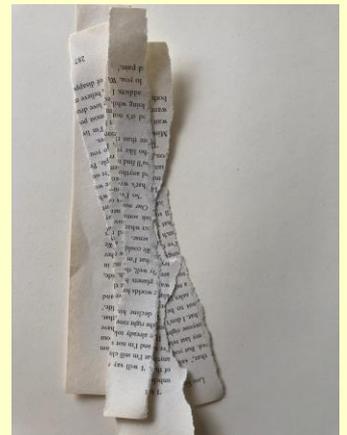
- Organic string or twine and anything that is in the needlework basket could be a thin ribbon (this will be used to thread your paper beads)
- Paper (i.e. old books you no longer need, magazines, or letters that you would like to wear close to you)
- Drinking straws
- Glue (I used a glue stick but you can use any glue that will stick paper)



Instructions:

Step 1:

Tear your paper into strips could be thin, or really torn up depending also how thick you would like the beads to be. I like 2cm but you can do whatever thickness you like.



Step 2:

Cut your drinking straw to the width you want your beads to be. This will be left inside the bead to help with the threading and keeps it firm.



Step 3:

Roll your paper slowly and tightly around the straw.

Each time you come to the end, glue it and add a new strip of torn paper, keep rolling and gluing until you like the thickness. Stick it firmly down. This is your first bead.

You need to keep the beads roughly the same width from now on.



Step 4:

To tie them on, get your twine and thread through the beads.



Step 5:

To make the slide knot, take one side of your string to the other side and make a soft knot. Loop it to the other side of the string and make another soft knot.

Then you have to go back and make a harder knot on top of the first knot and again on to the other knot it should slide so you can adjust the length that you like. I used 90 cm of twine, for this. If it's too long, it can just cut to size, but better bigger than too small.

