

Paper Beads

Materials:

Printed paper of choice (magazines, newspapers, scrapbooking paper, wrapping paper, etc.)

Ruler

Pencil

Scissors

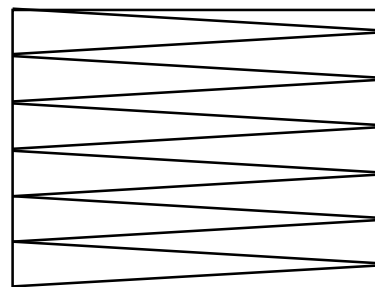
Large paper clip (partially unbent), ceramic needle tool or quilling tool (whatever you have available)

Glue stick

Clear coating of choice (Mod-Podge[®], fingernail polish, embossing ink and powder with heat gun, etc.)

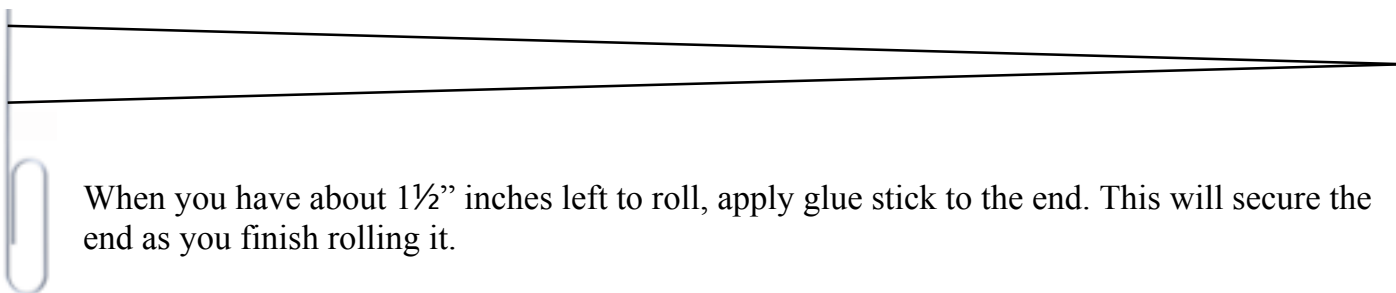
Instructions:

Cut paper into strips. For most paper beads, the strips are cut into long triangles (as shown in the diagram). However, you can make “barrel beads” by cutting long rectangles, etc. Be creative!



To roll the beads, you can use a ceramic needle tool, quilling tool or something as simple as a partially unbent paper clip.

Place a short edge of your strip on your wrapping tool. (I like to “lick” it a little to help it stay in place when I start.) Begin rolling the paper tightly around the tool.



When you have about 1½” inches left to roll, apply glue stick to the end. This will secure the end as you finish rolling it.

Apply a clear coating to your bead. You can use Mod-Podge[®], fingernail polish, or embossing ink and powder with heat gun. To use embossing ink, generously roll the bead on the clear embossing ink pad, then immediately dip into clear embossing powder. Apply heat using a heat gun (CAUTION—Be careful of the hot end!) as you roll the bead in front of the gun. (*I immediately dip the bead into the embossing powder again to give it a thick coat and heat a second time to make the bead look more like glass.*) Allow the bead to cool for a few seconds before removing from the tool that you rolled the bead on.

Continue making beads until you have enough to make your desired piece of jewelry.

String onto stretchy cord for a necklace or bracelet. String onto jewelry wire with other beads for a necklace. Use your paper beads just as you would any other beads.

When clear coated, paper beads are water resistant, not water proof...
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