



# UPCYCLED PAPER BEADS

Did you know you could make jewelry out of paper? Grab a few sheets from the recycling bin and get started on your own wearable creation!

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Paper
- Markers or crayons
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Toothpicks
- String or yarn
- Tape



## HOW TO DO IT

1. Start by drawing or coloring on your paper. This will give your finished beads some cool patterns and colors. You could also use construction paper or magazine pages to give your beads some extra pizzazz!
2. Draw a triangular pattern on the paper. One way to do this is by using the ruler to measure 1" intervals along opposite edges of the paper. Mark these intervals with a pencil. Then, use the ruler to draw a diagonal line from the first dot to the corner of the paper, forming a triangle. Shift the ruler over to the next dot and draw a straight line, forming another triangle. Repeat until the page is full.
3. Cut out the triangles with scissors. These strips will form the beads.
4. Wrap the triangle strip, starting with the wide end, around a toothpick. Make sure to not roll too tightly so you can remove it from the toothpick.
5. Stop when you have about 1"-2" left to wrap up and add a thin layer of glue to the underside of the strip then finish wrapping.
6. Remove the toothpick and let the bead dry. Repeat this process for each bead.
7. Once the beads are dry, string together to make jewelry! To make this easier, wrap a piece of tape around the end of the string or yarn to keep it from fraying.



