









What you will need to make paper beads.

## The history of paper beads

The creation of paper beads has been said to have started in England as far back as the Victorian age. Women would get together and spend their time creating paper beads out of elaborate scraps of wallpaper.

Wrapping paper, magazines, leaflets, wallpaper

Pencil
Cocktail sticks
Glue stick
Scissors
Ruler
Sponge

Clear or glittery nail varnish Thin elastic Beads (optional)

## How to make paper beads.

- 1. On your chosen paper, draw and cut out a number of isosceles triangle shapes and rectangle lengths. Make sure the lengths are around 20cm in length. The width of your strips will determine the width of your beads. A suggested width would be 3cm.
- 2. Starting with the widest end of your triangle strip, tightly wind it around a cocktail stick. Glue the end in place. Repeat this with the rectangle strips.
- 3. Remove your beads from the cocktail stick.
- 4. If you would like to varnish your beads, coat them with clear nail varnish whilst they are on the cocktail stick. Place the sticks in a sponge to allow the beads to dry.
- 5. When your beads have dried, string them onto elastic to make bracelets and necklaces.
- 6. Alternate your paper beads with other beads you may have at home.

Please supervise children at all times with scissors and glue.







