

Boxboard Bead Jewellery



These beads were made from my old cereal box!

Do you recognize the colours from the Life brand cereal box?

Want to make some?



These are some of the materials that you will need:

- Flattened boxboard from a cereal, tissue or cracker box.
- Ruler
- Cutting knife or scissors
- Cutting mat
- Bamboo skewers
- Glue sticks
- Varnish or clear nail polish

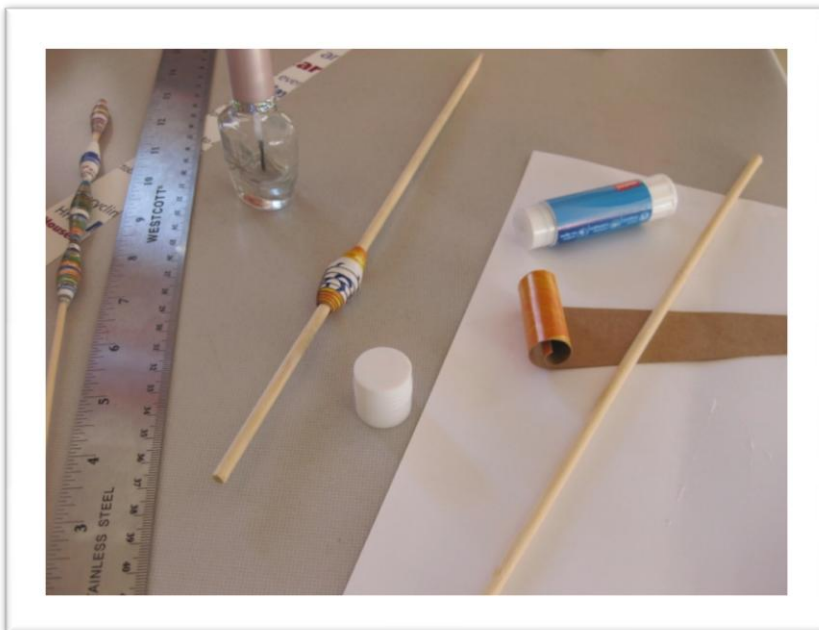
Each bead is made from a triangle cut out of a boxboard piece.



I measured my triangles with one inch bases and cut them to the length of my boxboard piece. The longer the triangle the fatter the bead will be.

You can use scissors, a rotary cutter or craft knife and a steel ruler to cut your triangles.

Try to keep the tips of the triangles neat as they are very visible on the finished beads.



Next you will be creating the beads using a glue stick and a bamboo skewer.

Starting at the fat end of the triangle roll the first inch around a bamboo skewer to get the bead started.

Take the triangle off the skewer and cover the uncurled part of the triangle with glue from your glue stick.

Roll the triangle tightly around the bamboo skewer and hold the end briefly to ensure a good bond.



I create several beads on one bamboo skewer and let the glue dry for a few hours before I varnish them.

I stand my skewers up by poking them into a styrofoam block or an old styrofoam egg carton.



You can use either acrylic varnish from the craft store or clear nail polish to coat the beads.

You will want to put on 2 to 3 coats of varnish to help protect the beads from water.

When the varnish is thoroughly dry you are ready to create bracelets, earrings or necklaces!



Now it is time to choose your glass or plastic beads to complete your creation.

I like to collect old necklaces from garage sales and reuse the beads for these projects.

String your beads together on stretchy cord from the craft or dollar store and you are finished!



Soon you will be obsessed!