

# Paper Bead Bracelet

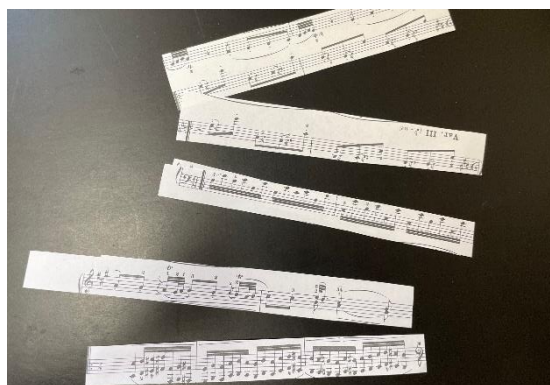
## Supplies

- Scissors
- Glue (school or glue stick)
- Wooden skewers
- Paint brush for liquid glue
- Button
- Tape
- Clear nail polish or glossy mod podge
- Styrofoam
- Paper – book pages, sheet music, magazines, or other!
- 6 feet of cord, string, yarn (must fit through bead)



## Instructions

- 1) Cut paper into 24 strips that are  $\frac{3}{4}$  - 1-inches wide and 6 inches long (cut a few extra just in case)



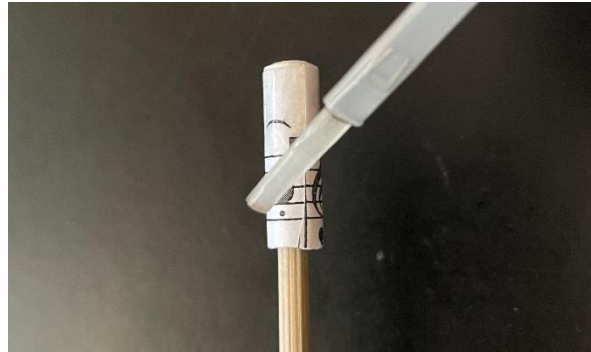
- 2) Place paper face down on work surface and begin carefully rolling it around the skewer



- 3) Put glue on the back of the paper strip, either with the glue stick or by using the paint brush to apply the school glue and finish rolling the paper securing the end with a bit more glue (be sure it's smooth and no edges are coming up)

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- 4) Take the bead off the skewer and continue until all of the strips are rolled
- 5) Cut skewers into 4-inch pieces
- 6) Put one bead on the end of each skewer and apply either nail polish or mod podge (be careful around the edge and at the place the bead meets the skewer)



- 7) As each bead is coated with sealer, place the skewer into the Styrofoam so the bead can dry
- 8) Once dry take the beads off the skewers, flip them over and put them back on the skewer with the unsealed end at the top – apply nail polish or mod podge to the end and recoat the sides, replace skewer in Styrofoam and let dry (approx. 15 min per side)
- 9) Remove the beads from the skewers when they are dry
- 10) Take the cord, fold it in half and tie a knot in the folded end, leaving a loop that is large enough for the button to fit through



- 11) Tape the loop to work surface



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- 12) Begin beading by threading the lefthand cord through the bead, then take the righthand cord and thread it through the same bead, but from the other direction



- 13) Continue adding beads in the same fashion until the bracelet is the desired length



- 14) Tie off cords using a square knot – be sure the knot is centered on the last bead and is snug





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15) Attach the button using the ends of the cord



16) The button placement can be adjusted to ensure a comfortable fit

17) Once the correct adjustments have been made, tie off the cords under the button clipping excess string



18) Viola! It's ready to wear!

