

Inspiring Makers

Meet Matt from Liberation Jewellery

Arts Centre Mākete regular, Matt from Liberation Jewellery, carefully and cleverly creates jewellery from wood that would otherwise be destined for the dump.

He turns native timber offcuts and broken skateboards into beautiful earrings, necklaces, cuff-links and more.

You can see more of Matt's work online at www.liberationjewellery.com



Recycled Jewellery: how to make paper beads

Matt has inspired us to take a look around at items we would normally send to be recycled or dumped, and see what we could turn into jewellery.

We have ripped out a selection of cool colours and patterns from stacks of old magazines and are going to turn the pages into paper beads.

Follow along and make your own beads and share your creations with us.



WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Paper! Magazine pages, junk mail, wrapping paper, wall paper etc
- Scissors
- PVA glue and brush, or glue stick
- Skewer, pencil or chopstick
- Wool, thread or string
- Tape
- Ruler (optional)

STEP 1:

Choose the paper you want to turn into beads.
Think about the colours and patterns you like and what would be a good colour to complement them.
Start cutting long triangles and rectangles to wrap into beads.

SHAPES:

Cut out different lengths and shapes of paper and play with what type of bead it creates.
What happens when the triangle is really long and thin? Can you make a double bead by cutting a double triangle? Can you make tiny beads?



STEP 2:

Spread glue along the back of the paper you have cut out.

Make sure the glue goes right to the ends.



STEP 3:

Attach the wide end of the paper to the skewer, pencil or chopstick (the larger the width the bigger the bead hole will be).

Pictured here is a double bead.



STEP 4:

Begin rolling the paper around the skewer. Keep rolling to the end to form your bead. Make sure that the end of the triangle has enough glue to stop it from unraveling.

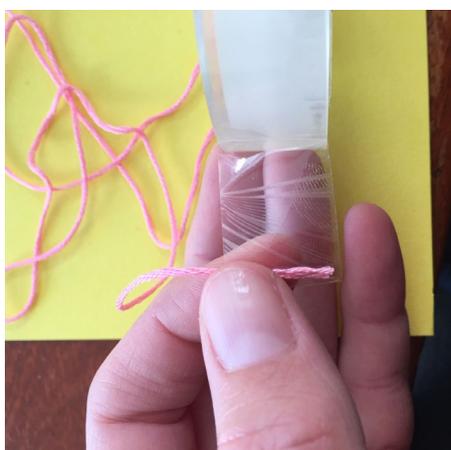
Pictured here is a single bead.



STEP 5:

Make lots of beads!

Play around with different shapes, widths, colours and patterns until you have lots of beads to choose from.



STEP 6:

Choose the thread, string or wool to thread your beads onto.

If your bead holes are small, wrap a small piece of tape around the end to make threading easier.



STEP 7:

Decide on the order you want to thread the beads for your necklace design and begin threading.

Don't forget to tie a knot at the end so the beads don't slip out the end of the thread.

STEP 8: DONE!

Wear your creation or give as a special gift.

We would love to see what you make with your paper beads or what else Matt from Liberation Jewellery has inspired you to make, tag us in your posts [@artscentremakete](https://www.instagram.com/artscentremakete) and use the [#inspiringmakers](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/inspiringmakers).

Photos can also be emailed to makeite@artscentre.org.nz

