

## **Paper-Bead Instructions**

### **Supplies to Gather**

Newspapers

Colorful paper from gift wrap, magazines, junk mail, etc.

Scissors

A straw

Glue and small paint brush

Clear nail polish

Colored string or ribbon

Before beginning, cover your work area with newspaper, change into clothes that are allowed to be dirtied, and ask an adult to supervise the activity.

### **Instructions**

1. Cut 4-inch by 1-inch triangles out of the colored paper.
2. Put some glue on an old lid or paper plate with paint brush close by.
3. With the colored side of the paper up, start at the base of the triangle; wrap the paper around the straw.
4. After the triangle has been wrapped once, apply a thin layer of glue on the triangle and keep wrapping.
5. Wrap tightly to the end. Apply a little more glue to the end to keep the tip in place. Hold the bead for a moment or two until the glue sets.
6. Gently remove bead from straw. Set aside on a piece of waxed paper to dry completely.
7. When the glue is dried, add a bit of shine and protection to the bead by giving it a coat of clear nail polish and set on a piece of waxed paper to dry.
8. String beads together to make necklaces, bracelets, or key chains for yourself or to give as a gift.