

Paper Bead Bracelet

Supplies

- Paper cutter
- Scissors
- School glue
- Wooden skewers
- Paint brush
- 4 hole button
- Tape
- Clear fingernail polish
- Styrofoam (*I cut a Styrofoam ball in half to use*)
- Paper - **book pages, sheet music, scrapbook paper, whatever paper available!**
- 6 feet of cord, yarn, embroidery floss (*remember it must go through the bead!*)



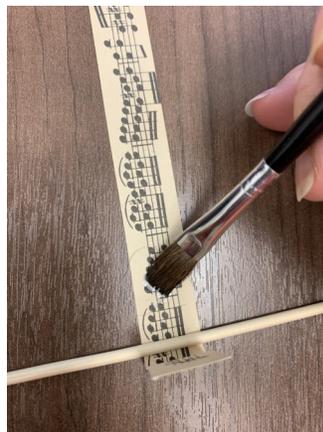
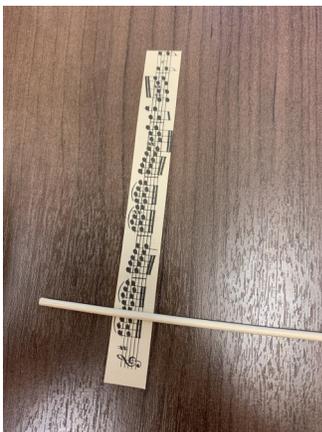
Step 1

Cut Paper into 24 - $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or 1 inch by 6 inch strips (I cut a few extra strips and cut the sheet music at different points to make the beads more interesting.)



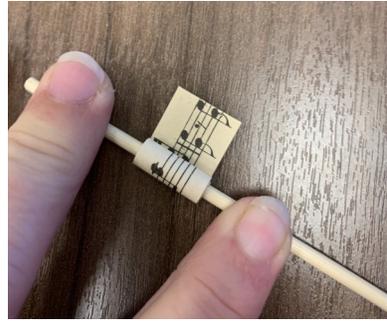
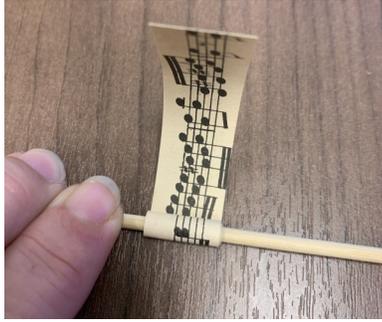
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With side of the paper you want showing facing down and away from you, fold the paper over the skewer and glue in place.



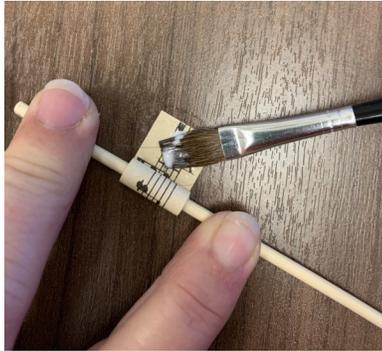
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Tightly wrap the paper around the skewer as you roll the skewer away from you.



Step 4

About an 1/2 inch from the end of the paper apply a small amount of glue then finish rolling. You will need to hold the glued end in place for approximately 10 seconds for the paper to stay attached.



Step 5

Take bead off skewer and continue to roll all your paper strips into beads.



Step 6

Cut 12 inch skewers into three 4 inch segments. If skewers are shorter, cut them in half. *I used wire cutters to cut the skewers but scissors should work.*



Step 7

Put bead on end of skewer and paint on a layer of clear nail polish on sides and end of bead. You do not want bead to stick to skewer so avoid painting close to skewer.



The nail polish I used yellowed the paper beads, but that was the look I was hoping for. It's a good idea to make extra beads in case of any problems rolling the beads and to test how the nail polish will affect the paper.

Step 8

Place skewer with bead in Styrofoam to dry. Repeat for all your beads. Allow beads to dry for 15 minutes. Take all the skewers out of the Styrofoam.



Step 9

Flip the bead so the other end of the bead is up (*the end that did not get a coat of clear nail polish*). Paint the bead with another coat of clear nail polish on sides and end. Return skewer with bead to Styrofoam and let dry for another 15 minutes. Remove the beads from the skewers.



The beads are now ready to make your bracelet!

Step 10

If you haven't cut your 6 foot cord, do that now. Fold your cord in half then wrap the folded end around your finger and make a knot leaving a loop big enough for your button to pass through.



Step 11

Now it is time to string your beads. *I taped my loop onto my work surface.* To begin, thread one end of your cord through a bead from right to left. Thread the other end through the same bead from left to right. Pull the cord ends tight, centering the knot and loop on the outside of the bead. Continue until all your beads are attached.



Step 12

Take your cord ends and tie a regular knot on the center of the last bead on the outside.



Step 13

Attach the button by threading one cord end through the bottom of the button then back down through the top of 1 button hole. Put the bracelet around your wrist or guestimate a measure if it's for a gift, and adjust the placement of the button so when beginning loop is around the button it fits your wrist correctly. Hold the button in place and thread the same cord end through the other 2 button holes starting from the bottom then going back down through the button.



Step 14

Under the button, wrap the cord end down and around itself a few times, stopping at the knot with your other cord end. Tie the two cord ends in a knot. Pass each cord end under the string on the side of the last bead, and knot one on each side of the center knot.



Cut off the extra string and your bracelet is ready to wear!

