



RECYCLE IT YOURSELF

MAKE

PAPER

BEADS



Recycle your old paper into jewelry. Be sure to ask for an adult's help!

What You Do:

1. Tear used magazines and egg cartons into 1-inch (2.5-cm) pieces. Fill up a large pot with these pieces.
2. Have a grownup pour boiling water into the pot to cover the paper and cardboard. Let it soak overnight.
3. The next day, knead the mixture by squeezing it with your hands. Then use an electric mixer to mash it up even more.
4. Press the pulp into a colander to get out extra water.
5. Shape balls around toothpicks or skewers. (These will make the hole in the bead.)
6. After an hour, squeeze out any water in the beads and make sure they are still round.
7. Let the beads dry for four days. When they are dry, you can paint them.
8. Take out the toothpicks or skewers and string the beads on yarn to make necklaces or bracelets.

What You Need:

- Used magazines and paper egg cartons
- Large pot
- Boiling water
- Electric mixer
- Colander
- Toothpicks or wooden skewers
- Paint and brushes
- Yarn or string