



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

## Rolled Paper Beads

**About:** Make your own, unique paper beads. Make a few or make a lot then string them together into a bracelet, necklace, or keychain.

**What you'll need:** pages from a magazine or any colored paper, a drinking straw, scissors, glue (white or glue stick), and a ruler. Use string to turn your beads into jewelry.

### Instructions:

1. Cut 1 inch wide strips of paper down the long side of your page so that each strip is as long as possible. (You can adjust the width if you want beads that are wider or more narrow)
2. Next cut each strip diagonally so you end up with two long, narrow triangles (it's easier if you draw a line using a ruler first)
3. Lay one triangular paper strip on the table in front of you, with the widest part towards you. The side of the paper facing up is the side that won't show when the bead is finished.
4. Starting about an inch from the flat bottom of the strip, put a thin amount of glue down the length of the strip all the way to the point.
5. Place your straw along the flat edge of the strip and start rolling the paper around the straw as tight as possible. Do this until the whole strip is wrapped around the straw. Try to make the point end up in the middle of the bead.
6. Smooth the excess glue over the bead and then wipe the rest off.
7. You can make several beads on one straw.
8. Let the beads dry. Be careful not to lay wet beads on the table or they will get stuck.
9. Once the beads are dry, carefully slide them off the straw, one at a time.
  - If you accidentally glued your beads to the straw, just cut the straw to the width of the bead and leave it in.
10. Now you can use string to put your beads together as jewelry!

**step 2:**



**step 5:**



**pictures of various stages:**

