

Making a Greener World

Recycling Activity:

Making beads from recycled paper



You will need:



shiny paper
(from old magazines)



wooden toothpicks and
something to stick them into
(an old meat tray, for
example)



craft glue and a
brush



scissors



a ruler and a pencil



a length of string

What to do:

1) Rule cutting guide lines on the magazine paper as shown in diagram 1. Cut along each line to make a collection of thin triangular shaped paper strips.

2) Place the paper strip on a flat surface with the wide end nearest to you. Lay the toothpick on the wide end of the paper strip as shown in diagram 2.

3) Use a brush to spread a thin layer of craft glue on the paper. (You can add a little water to the glue to make it spread more easily.)

4) Begin rolling the paper firmly around the toothpick. Push the roll away from you until most of the paper strip is tightly rolled up around the toothpick. Brush the outside of the bead with a little glue. Stick the toothpick into the back of a polystyrene tray and leave to dry overnight as shown in diagram 3.

When thoroughly dry, remove beads from their toothpicks and thread onto a length of string to make a necklace.

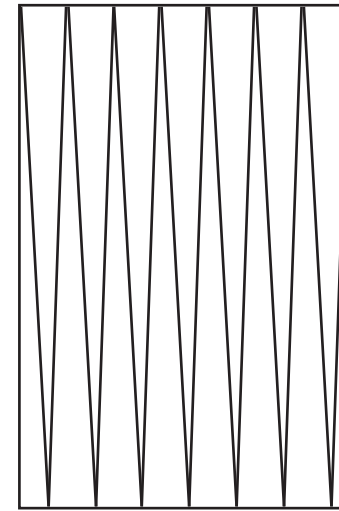


diagram 1

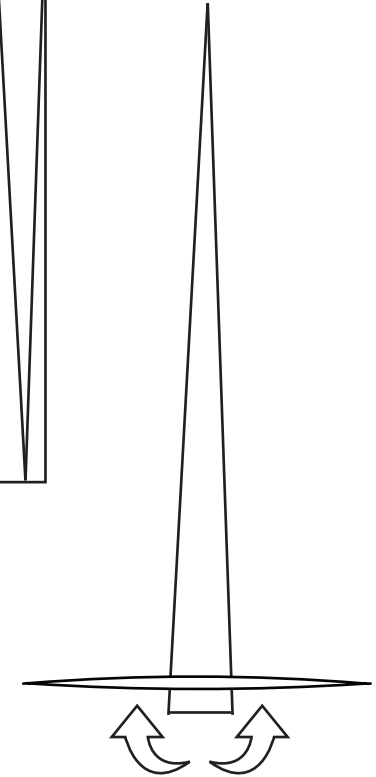


diagram 2

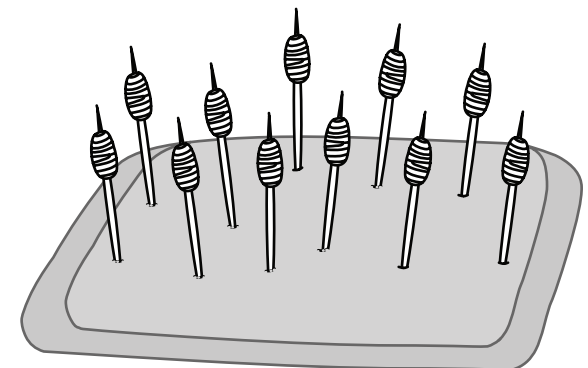


diagram 3

Be Creative!

- * Experiment with different colored magazine pages.
- * Include recycled plastic beads in your design if you like.
- * Try changing the shape of the paper strips to make different shaped beads.
- * Think of creative ways to use your beads.

