

Paper Straw Necklaces

Let's make some stylish and colorful Paper Straw Necklaces! This craft is perfect for kids who love to express their creativity and show off their style. With just a few simple supplies, you can create one-of-a-kind necklaces using paper straws and beads. Get ready to cut, thread, and design a necklace that's as unique as you are!



Materials List:

- **Colorful paper straws** (the more colors and patterns, the better!)
- **Elastic string or yarn** (for threading your beads and straw pieces)
- **Kid-friendly scissors** (for cutting the straws into beads)
- **Pony beads or any large-hole beads** (to add a little extra sparkle)
- **Tape** (to wrap around the ends of the string for easier threading)

Instructions: Let's Get Crafting!

1. **Pick Your Straws:** Choose some colorful paper straws in your favorite colors and patterns. These will be turned into beads for your necklace!
2. **Cut the Straws:** Use scissors to cut the paper straws into small pieces about 1 inch long. These little segments will become your beads! You can mix up the lengths for a more playful look.
3. **Prepare the String:** Cut a piece of elastic string long enough to go around your neck with extra room for tying. Wrap a small piece of tape around one end of the string to make threading easier.
4. **Start Threading:** Begin threading the straw pieces onto the string, alternating them with pony beads for added flair. Create a pattern or mix up the colors however you like!
5. **Check the Length:** Hold up the necklace to make sure it's the right length for you. If you need it to be longer, add more straw pieces or beads.
6. **Tie It Up:** Once your necklace is the perfect length, tie a double knot with the ends of the elastic string to secure it. Make sure it's tight so the beads don't come loose.
7. **Wear and Share:** Slip your new necklace over your head and show off your stylish creation! Make a few more to share with friends, or try different color themes for each one.

Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!

- **Personalized Charms:** Add letter beads to spell out your name or a special word.
- **Twist and Wrap:** Twist two pieces of yarn together for a fun multicolored string to hold your beads.
- **Matching Bracelets:** Use the same technique to create matching bracelets or anklets!