

beaded necklaces

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cross-curricular extensions: Younger students love making jewelry for themselves and as gifts. In addition to learning about color mixing, 3D forms and the color wheel, fine motor skills are enhanced by practice in stringing objects. Additionally, pattern supports math skills as well as supporting and understanding of rhythm in music education.

books: *The M&M's Color Pattern Book* by Barbara Barbieri McGrath & Roger Glass, *Math Counts Pattern* by Henry Arthur Pluckrose

tips: Wooden skewers are available at grocery stores. Newly made beads will slide on the skewers more easily if the skewer is twisted while the hole is being made. When removing beads from skewers it helps to grip the skewer with a pair of pliers and twist the bead until it loosens. Give play dough beads a shiny protective finish by brushing on thinned white glue after they dry.

possible additions: Amulets decorated with personal symbols (drawn or carved) can be made with older students to hang in the middle of the necklace. After beads dry they can be decorated with permanent markers to add texture and complex patterns.

materials needed:

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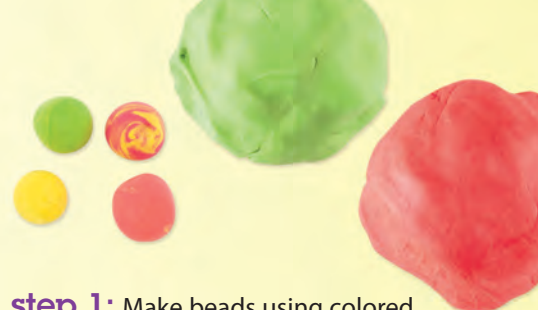
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step 1: Make beads using colored dough by modeling spheres, cubes, and cylinders in addition to organic forms. Small amounts of dough can be mixed to create colorful swirl effects or to learn color mixing to match the color wheel.



step 2: Beads are pierced with wooden skewers and left to dry.



step 3: After the beads dry and harden, colorful shoelaces are used to create necklaces along with various other beads (pony beads, wooden beads and mosaic squares made into bead spacers by punching holes in them). Students are encouraged to make patterns as they string their handmade necklaces.

