



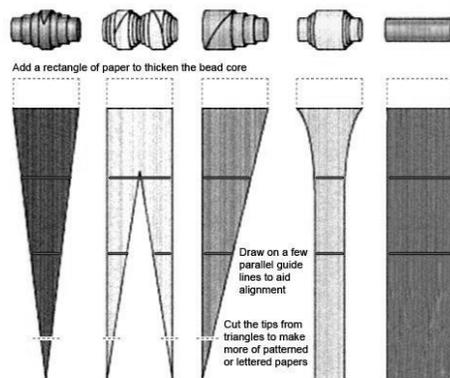
Paper Beads

- construction paper
- glue
- bamboo skewers
- clear-drying glue (like ModPodge)

Questions to think about:

- How quickly does regular glue dry compared to the clear-drying glue?
- What is an **adhesive**? An adhesive is a substance that helps things stick together. The paper wouldn't become a bead without an adhesive.
- Why do we use triangles? Triangles are strong and beautiful shapes to use in building. Here are some other shapes you can try.

1. Cut your construction paper into long triangles. They should be as wide as you want your beads to end up.
2. You can decorate your construction paper with stripes, spots, or other patterns before you start.
3. Put a dab of glue on the pointy end of one of your triangles.
4. Wrap the paper around a bamboo skewer, starting with the wide end. Roll it tightly so the bead doesn't unravel.
5. Hold the pointy end down to let it stick for a minute or two.
6. Coat the bead in clear-drying glue. This will help strengthen the bead.
7. Let the bead dry for a few hours.
8. Slide it off the skewer. If it unravels, put it back on the skewer and add glue where it's coming apart.
9. Make more beads. Try cutting the paper into different shapes (left image). Use them to make a keychain, room decoration, bracelet, or necklace!



“Pray without ceasing.” 1
Thessalonians 5:17

Praying might feel like something to check off a to-do list. But what if you thought about it as just a conversation with a friend? We don't always remember this, but the Holy Spirit is always listening to us and responding to us. One way to remember this is by making a paper prayer bead. Put it somewhere you'll see it often, like on your backpack zipper or dresser knob. Each time you notice it, whisper a prayer to God. Soon you won't even need the bead to remind you!