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Jeans beads

You will need:

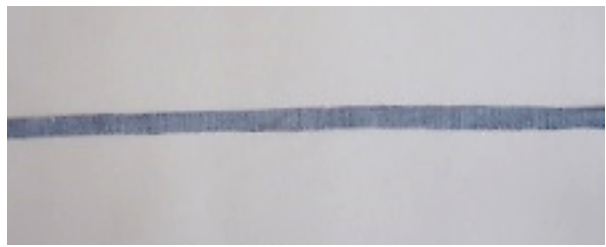
- Jeans (50 cm x 18,5 cm min)
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 toothpick
- 1 textile glue
- 1 cotton string (2x 105cm for necklace)

Making beads

Making beads is simple. All you need is a bit of fabric cut into rectangular or triangular strips.

The size of the bead will depend on the width and length of your strip. For the necklace project you will need:

Right triangular bands:	Rectangle bands:
3 beads—3 cm wide x 50 cm long	4 beads—1 cm wide x 12,5 cm long
6 beads—2 cm wide x 50 cm long	4 beads—1,5 cm wide x 7 cm long
4 beads—2 cm wide x 25 cm long	



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Step 1

Preparation of the triangles to create an oval or conical beads.

You can measure each triangle separately and create right triangles for conus beads or isosceles triangles for oval beads.

Or

You can work with right triangles of different sizes and be very careful during the rolling time to achieve three different final shapes of the beads. You can try to use all the material of your jeans trousers, so be careful when calculating and cutting the stripes. You can reuse much of the rest in other projects.

For big beads you will need the length of 50 cm:

- 3 right triangles of 3 cm wide and
- 6 right triangles of 2 cm wide.

For small beads I will need the length of 25 cm:

- 4 right triangles of 2 cm wide.



A rectangle of 4 cm wide and 25 cm long divided in half : 2 rectangles of 2 cm x 25 cm.



Each obtained rectangle you divide in right triangle. This will give you 4 triangles.



Cutting out the rectangle ...



... to obtain two right triangles.

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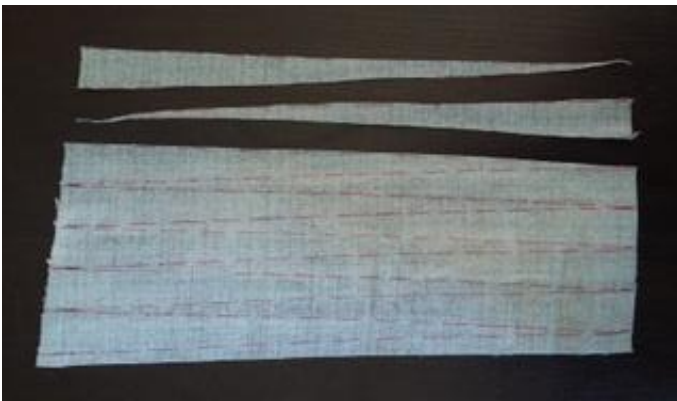
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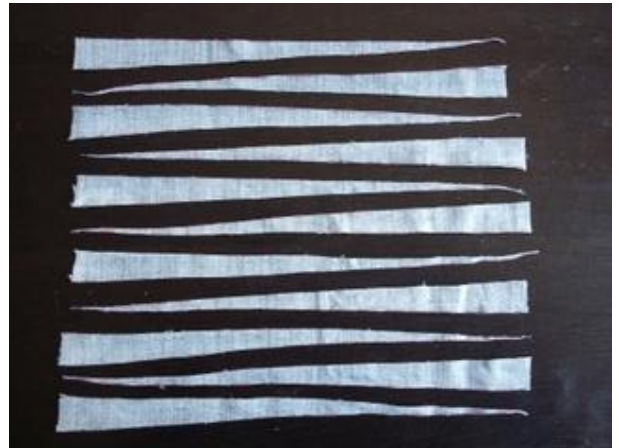


You can work directly: preparing your jeans 50 cm length and 12 cm wide. You will need to measure on top and on the bottom of 12 cm wide: 3 cm, 3cm, 2 cm, 2cm, 2 cm. The dots on top and bottom should be connected with the straight line, which will result in five rectangles.

In each of rectangles you will have to draw the hypotenuse, to divide the rectangle into a triangle, which will result in 2 triangles in each rectangle.



Cut them out on the lines with scissors.



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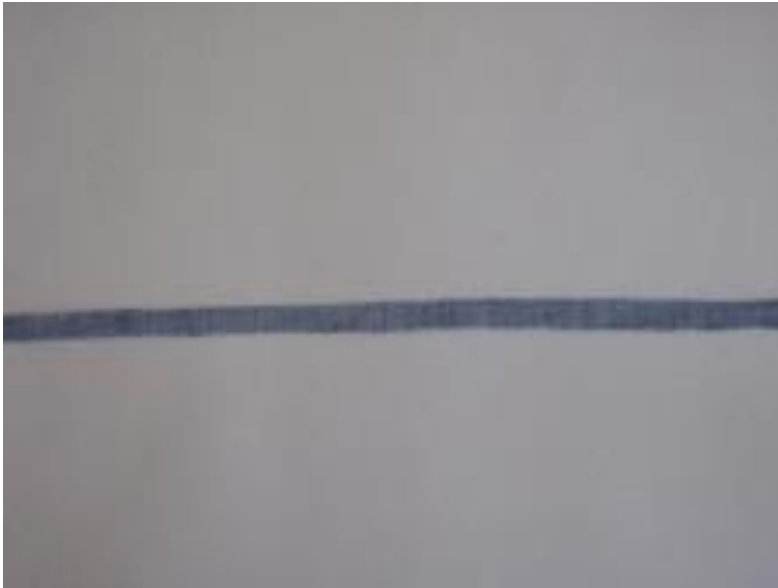
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Preparation of the strips to create a roller bead.

To create a roller beads you will need to prepare rectangular strips. The size of the beads is the result of the different wide and length of the strip. You will need:

- 4 bands of 12,5 cm length and 1 cm wide and
- 4 bands of 7 cm length and 1,5 cm wide.



You can work separately and prepare each strip separately or you can take a rectangle of 12,5 cm length and 4 cm wide. The 1 cm dots at the top and bottom on the wide side of the rectangle should be connected to the straight line, which will result in 4 rectangles waiting to be cut.

Step 2

Creating the beads

1) an oval bead

You will start with the right triangular shape to roll it into a bead. With the help of the toothpick, you can start rolling around the toothpick from the widest part of the strip towards the thinnest.



When rolling, keep the band always in the middle of the bead, which will result in an oval bead. Try to keep the roll very tight.



On the last 2-4 cm of the strip, put glue to seal it together. (Do not use glue at the beginning to avoid sticking the bead to the wood).

At the end—cover each bead with the mixture of textile glue diluted in water to seal all the threads that could possibly release your bead. (Let dry for a few hours).

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2) a conus bead

You will start with the right triangular shape as for the oval bead.



When rolling, keep the strip always on the top of the right triangle side, which will result in having a conus bead. Try to keep the roll very tight.



On the last 2-4 cm of the strip, put glue to seal it together. (Do not use glue at the beginning to avoid sticking the bead to the wood).

At the end—cover each bead with the mixture of textile glue diluted in water to seal all the threads that could possibly release your bead. (Let dry for a few hours).

Semi conus bead



The final shape of the bead depends on the wrapped strip, so you can play with different shapes.

To prepare a semi conical bead you will start with rolling the conical bead and gradually somewhere on 1/3 of the rolling process finishing it towards the middle.

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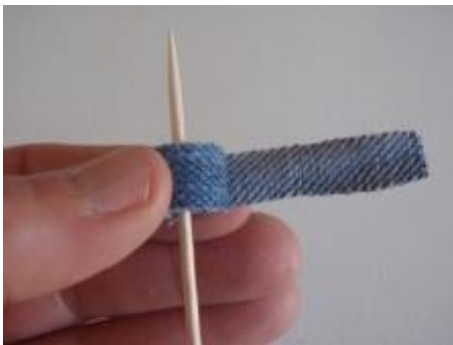
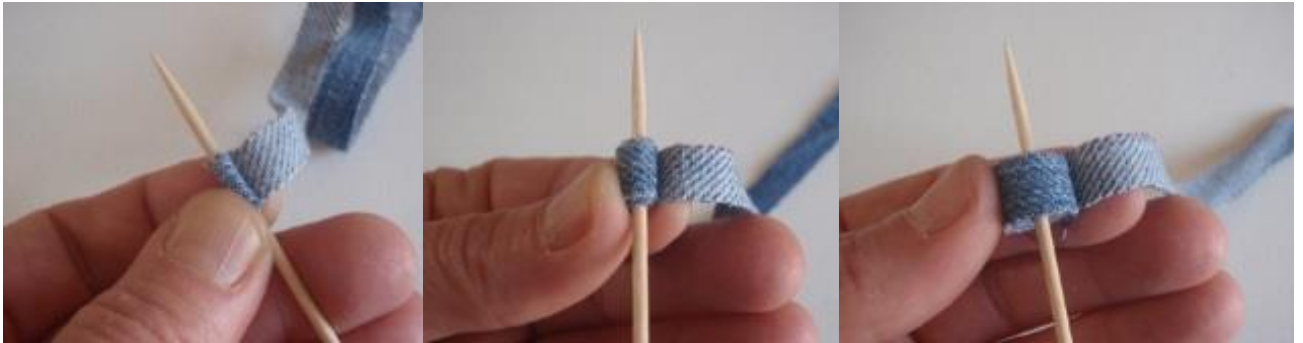
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3) a roller bead

You will start with the rectangle shape of band to make the roller bead.



The technique of rolling is the same as before.



On the last 2-4 cm of the strip, put glue to seal it together. (Do not use glue at the beginning to avoid sticking the bead to the wood).

The length of the band will resume in the different thickness of the bead.



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Step 3

Preparation of the beads for the necklace



The oval and semi-cone bead:
3 cm wide, 50 cm long
1 oval bead
2 semi-cone beads



The oval and semi-cone bead:
2 cm wide, 50 cm long
2 oval beads
4 semi-cone beads



The oval beads
2 cm wide, 25 cm long
4 oval beads



The rolled beads
1 cm wide and 12,5 cm long
4 rolled beads

1,5 cm wide, 7 cm long
4 rolled beads

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Step 4

Assembling the beads to create a necklace

For this project you will need 105 cm of string. Doubled cotton yarn to give more structure. The length offers the possibility of making the necklace short or long. You can use the sliding knot to close the two ends of the chain.



During assembling—it is easier to prepare the project on the table; to visualize what it looks like, then assembling it together, passing the chain through each bead. Between each bead you can make a knot with the chain to loosen a bit the position of the beads.



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