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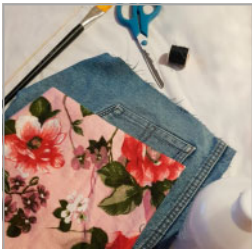


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YOU WILL NEED:

- Strips of fabric
- Scissors
- Wooden skewer or toothpick
- PVA Glue
- Ruler
- Pen
- Brush
- Wool or thread
- Needle

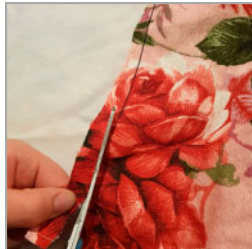
A great way to recycle something old and create something new, is to make fabric beads. These beads can be used to make necklaces and bracelets, as well as mobiles, wall hangings and many other objects. The beads are quite easy to make and you can vary how they look, depending on the size and shape of fabric you cut. A narrow triangle will make a narrow bead and a wide triangle will make a wider bead. See what works best for you!



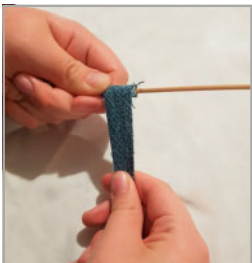
1. Bring together the items you need. Thicker fabric, such as denim, will make a bigger bead and may be easier to work with.



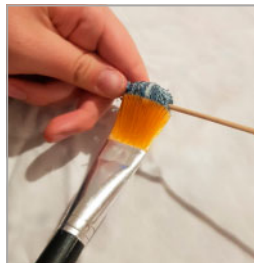
2. Draw a triangular shape on the fabric, using the template as a rough guide – it doesn't have to be exact. Cut out the shape.



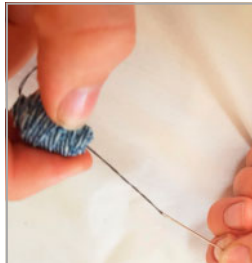
3. If you would like to add additional interest to the necklace, cut a variety of different triangular shapes and use contrasting fabric.



4. Curl the wider end of the triangle around the skewer and tightly roll. Brush glue on the last few inches of fabric and stick in place.



5. Brush glue over the whole bead to help secure the layers and prevent fraying. Leave to dry.



6. For a necklace, cut wool or thread as long as required (allow extra for tying) and thread the beads using a needle.



You could make a snake by varying the size and shape of the beads. Tie a large knot at each end of the wool to prevent the beads from coming off the wool. Attach eyes and a tongue to the head.

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