Paper Beads

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Active Time: 45 minutes
Dry Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 1.5 hours
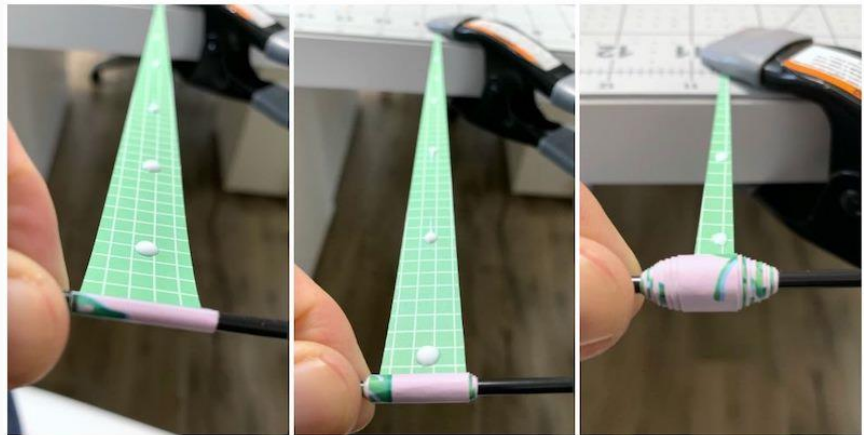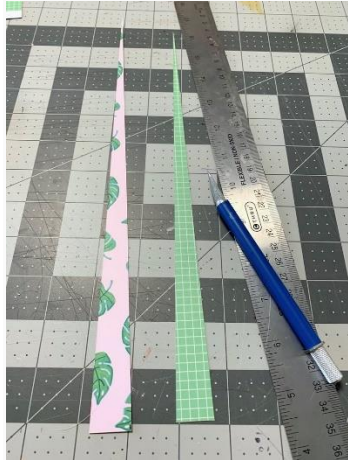**Yield: 8 paper beads**

Materials:

- **1 [Ruler](#) (not included)**
- **1 pencil (not included)**
- **1 [Scissors](#) (not included)**
- **1 sponge brush (not included)**
- **1 small bottle [Mod Podge Gloss](#) (not included)**
- **1 round-nose plyers (not included)**
- **Small bottle of tacky glue or elmer's glue (not included)**
- **Paper scraps**
- **Cocktail straws**
- **Bamboo skewers**
- **Filler beads**
- **Memory wire for bracelet**
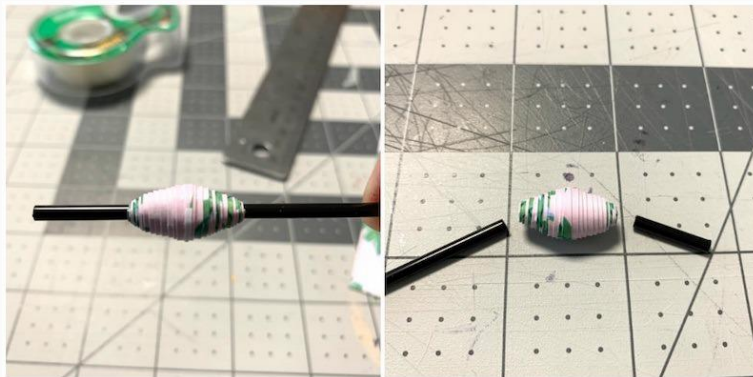
Instructions:

1.   On the reverse side (wrong side) of the strip of paper, measure halfway across the paper at one end and make a pencil mark.

2. At the other end of the paper, place your ruler at the left corner point and measure from that point to the midpoint on the other end and draw a line with a pencil. Repeat on the right side. Cut along the pencil lines from one bottom corner to the top midpoint and then from the other bottom corner to the top midpoint. You'll notice you just cut out a very long triangle. One of the ends will be 1" wide, and the other end will be a tip. You'll start rolling from the wide end.

3. Place a cocktail straw on the wrong side of the triangle at the wide end and begin rolling the paper tightly around the straw. Add several dabs of craft glue down the length of the paper strip as you are rolling, from the long end toward the point.

4. Once the bead is rolled, smooth with your fingers to make sure the end is secure. Trim the ends of the cocktail straw with scissors. Stick the paper bead onto the end of a bamboo skewer, and paint the beads with one or two coats of Mod Podge, allowing the bead to dry between coats. *Repeat until you have the desired amount of beads.

5.   Before stringing, bend one end of the memory wire with a round-nose plyer to make a tear-drop loop. This loop will prevent the beads from falling off the end of the wire.

6.   String beads, starting with a paper bead and alternating with spacer beads. End with a paper bead.

7.   Again, using a round-nose plyer, bend the finished end of the memory wire into a tear-drop loop to prevent the beads from falling off the wire. Voila! Your bracelet is complete! Enjoy!

* Note: Once the paper beads are dry, you can remove the straw from the middle of the beads using the sharp end of the skewer to push it out before stringing the beads.