



**Subject:** Re-Use Craft

**Lesson:** Create a Magazine Necklace

**Standards Addressed:** 2M2, KPS2, KESS4, K-2E.1

**Objectives:** Students will create a practical gift item by reusing old paper materials and practicing measurement

**Materials Needed:** Toothpicks or Pencils; A wide variety of colorful magazines, catalogs, brochures, used wrapping paper or junk mail; String/yarn; Scissors

**Steps:**

1. Discuss with students what natural resource paper comes from, uses of paper, how paper can be recycled or reused to help the environment, and have the students brainstorm ways people can reuse different type of paper like newspaper, magazines, etc.

2. Students cut colorful images into tall, skinny triangle shapes. The triangles should be about 3/4 inch at the bottom and 4-5 inches tall.

Students might experiment with making beads of different sizes. (For example, the triangle could be an inch long at its base and 8 inches tall; it is not recommended that beads be wider than 1 inch.)

3. Wrap each triangle strip around a toothpick, pencil, or dowel. Start with the wide end (the base of the triangle). Wrap the paper around and around until it is totally and tightly wrapped. (The narrow tip of the triangle will be visible on the top of the bead. Put a dab of glue under the last half-inch or so of the triangle, then press firmly. Let dry.

4. Repeat the steps above to make additional beads. You will need to make 20 to 30 beads in order to end up with a necklace that is about 24 inches long.

5. When the beads are completed and dry, pull the toothpick, pencil, or dowel out of the beads, creating a hole through the center of each bead. Students string yarn or thread through the holes to connect the beads and create a necklace.

Students also might varnish the beads to give them extra sheen.



**Resources:** Education World, Five Lessons Teach Students To Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, [https://www.educationworld.com/a\\_lesson/03/lp308-01.shtml](https://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/03/lp308-01.shtml)