



Paper beads are made normally with magazines the directions are [here](#). If you find yourself without magazines you can use copy paper. You can color it with crayons, colored pencils, markers or watercolor paints. Some paints will dry and leave the paper stiff so you may want to make white beads then paint them. You can also use finger nail polish if you use white paper. You can also use decorative papers if you like.

Making your own watercolor paints:

<https://www.marthastewart.com/265249/how-to-make-watercolor-paint>

<https://happyhooligans.ca/homemade-watercolour-paints/>

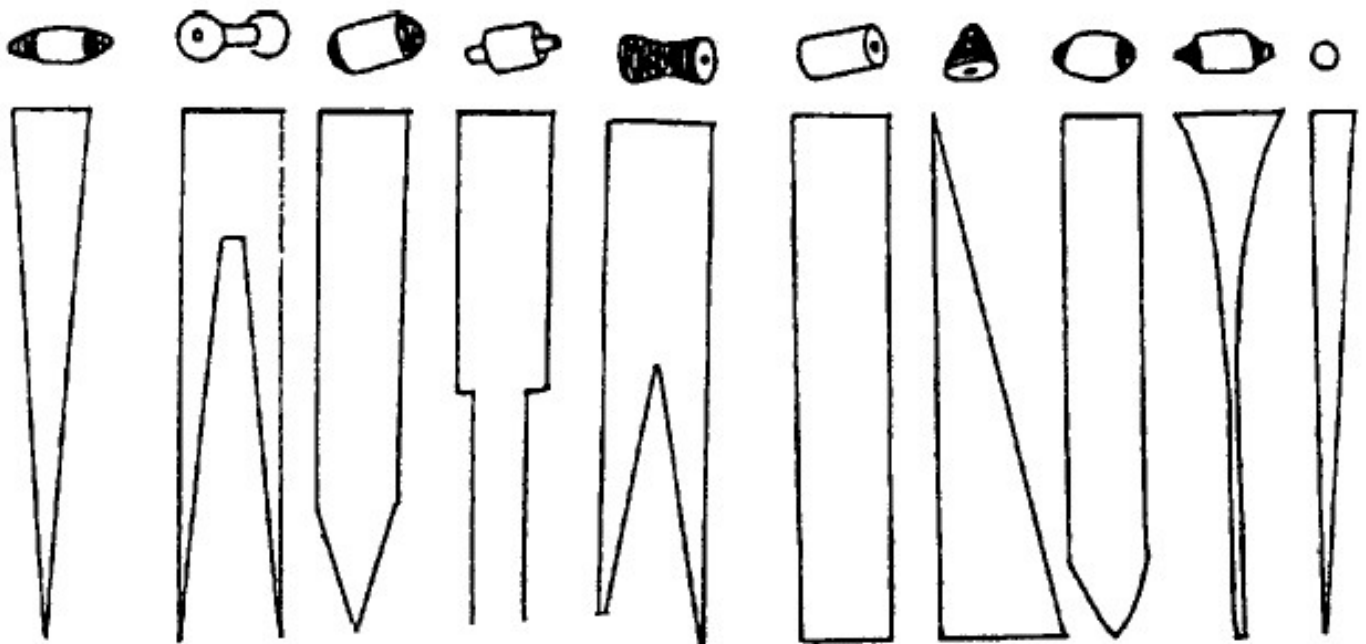
Glazing your paper beads: (You do not have to glaze but this is an option for a longer life. Clear fingernail polish would work as well)

<https://www.funcraftstodoathome.com/2018/11/24/glazing-paper-beads/>



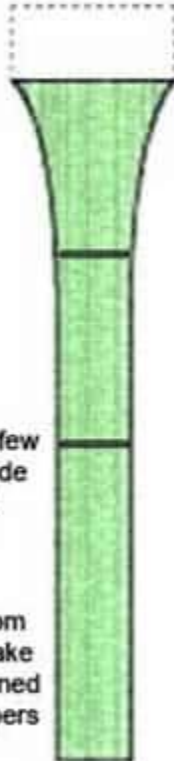
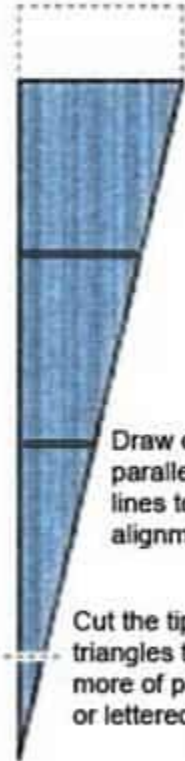
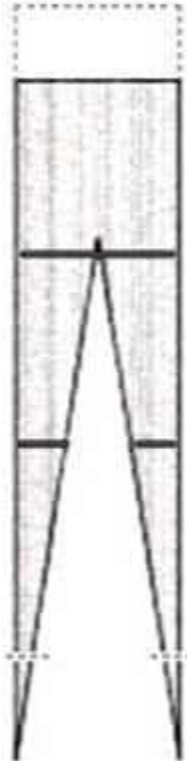
Video – How to Make Paper Beads

Bead Shapes





Add a rectangle of paper to thicken the bead core



Draw on a few parallel guide lines to aid alignment

Cut the tips from triangles to make more of patterned or lettered papers