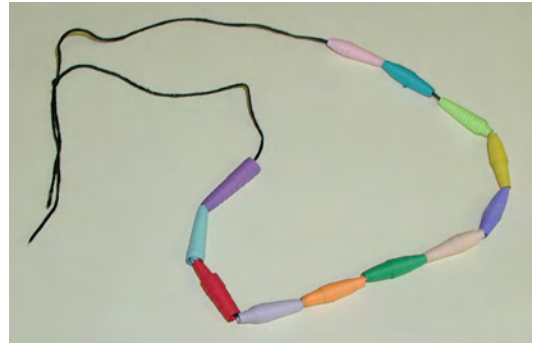


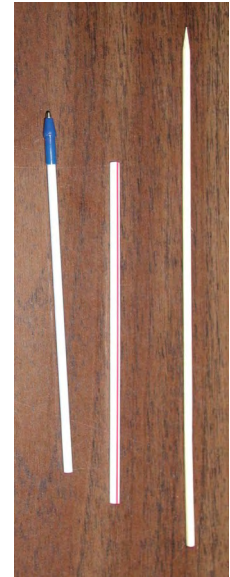
“Stop It at the Neck” Necklace | Joshua 10

All parts of the Word have an inner meaning for us. The story of Joshua’s men stepping on the necks of the captured kings before killing them might seem cruel, but it has a lesson in overcoming our bad thoughts and feelings. We can’t stop bad thoughts and feelings from coming into our minds, but we can choose what we do with them. When we don’t put the bad thoughts or feelings into action it is like stopping them at the neck. Truths from the Word, such as the Ten Commandments, can help us to do that and to live a good life.



Materials Needed

- copy of bead directions
- copy of bead template
- thin round stick to roll the beads, e.g. coffee stirrer, pen insert, wooden skewer (see picture at right)
- scissors
- glue
- full size piece of scrap paper
- thread, dental floss or thin string



Directions

1. Cut out the bead template triangles.
2. Choose one or more commandments that can help you stop selfish thoughts at the neck—before they become actions in your life. There are also some blank beads if you want to write something you want to stop in your own words.
3. Make one or more beads following the directions. You may want to practice with one of the extra triangles.
4. Thread the beads or beads on floss or string and tie the ends together to form a necklace.

Stop It at the Neck Bead Directions

Making the beads can be a bit tricky but will get easier with practice. You may want to start with one of the blank beads.



1. Place one of the triangles with a blessing printed on it face up on your sheet of scrap paper with the point facing away from you.

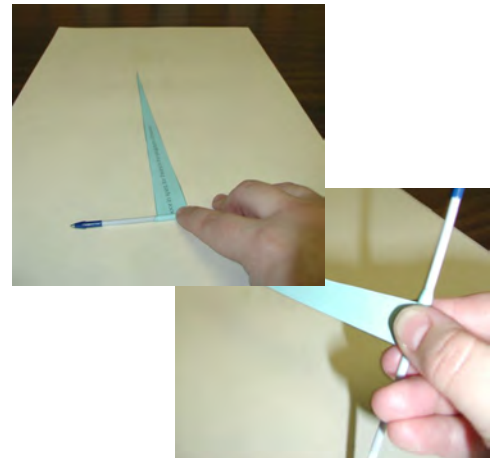
Starting about an inch from the bottom of the triangle, spread a thin layer of glue all the way to the point.



2. Place whatever you are using as a roller just on top of the straight end of the triangle and begin rolling the paper tightly around the roller.

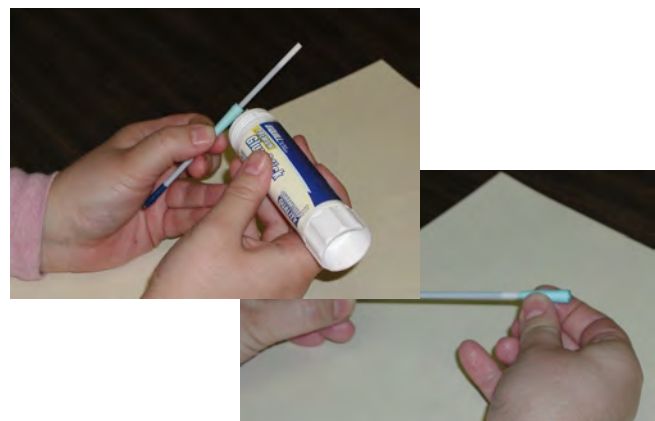
When you get part way it may be easier to pick the roller up in your fingers.

Don't worry if the paper doesn't roll completely straight. The different shapes will be interesting!



3. Secure the point of the triangle by spreading glue on the outside of the bead.

Slide the bead off the roller and let dry. If the ends pop up again, smooth some more glue down over them with your finger.



Bead Template

