



Virginia 4-H Healthy Living @ Home Activity

4-H Jewelry Making

Supplies:

- Beading tray (optional)
- Beads
- Beading wire .3mm
- Flat pliers
- Lobster clasp/or Toggle clasps
- Crimps
- Scissors
- Ruler

Age or

12 and up! With parental guidance, anyone can do!

Grade:

Time:

30-45 Minutes

Background:

Jewelry is something that a lot of us know about! It is fun and can add to an outfit or can have a personal meaning! It can also be a small business or entrepreneurship opportunity for us as well! Making jewelry can be a fun way to express yourself, learn a new skill, and learn skills like patience, attention to detail, and thinking creatively.

Project Goal

Learn the basics of jewelry making. Create jewelry that you can enter in your county fair or sell as an entrepreneurship project or just for fun!

What to Do:

- Step 1:** Create a pattern, lay out the beads to show the pattern
Step 2: String your beads onto the wire
Step 3: Place on a crimp after the last bead followed by your closing the clasp
Step 4: Loop the string through the crimp and at least 4 beads and tug to make secure
Step 5: Take your pliers and press down on the crimp 2 times on each side.
Step 6: Rake your necklace down to line everything up, and tug on through all of the beads
Step 7: Cut off the wire and tuck it under a bead make sure to leave plenty of wire for the other side.
Step 8: Move next side to redo steps 4-6

Reflect:

1. What step did you find to be the most difficult?
2. What step do you think was the MOST important to have a successful necklace?
3. When you create another piece of jewelry, what other patterns or ideas do you have to make it better or different?

Apply:

1. When thinking of making jewelry as a business, what do you need to think about before making jewelry pieces to sell?
2. If you were to make jewelry as a community service project for your community, what are the different ways you can do this?
3. Why is it important to learn and try new skills?

Notes for Parents or Helpers:

Most of the supplies can be found easily at Walmart or a craft store! This project can be used as an exhibit at county fair or an great small business to start, Jewelry making can be a community service project where you make jewelry for others in need in the community. Use this lesson to go with the 4-H Feature Friday Video which you can find on @Virginia4H facebook and Instagram!



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