**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 Grade:**
12 and up! With parental guidance, anyone can do!

**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:**

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