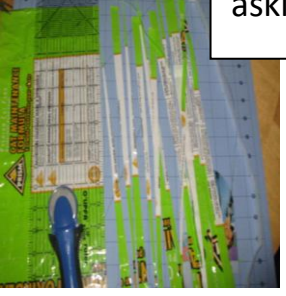


Step 1: Select the item to “bead up” as I like to call it; I have pictured my empty cat food bag. (I have even used my dog food bags for the same project)
My inspiration for this bead was our own personal build up of pet food bags & a blog about paper beading I stumbled onto!
Heck the bag is coated with a shiny material already so it’s just asking to be used for something beautiful, don’t you think?



Step 2: Cut up your product. I prefer to use my cutting mat, my long plastic ruler so that I can see the angle I want to create, and ZIP! I cut up those new “beads” alternating, top of the bead & the point while I am cutting. Since you will roll the beads largest to smallest end, you can judge how you want your bead to look as you are sizing up the angle of your ruler.
If you want LONG & Narrow beads, cut the top of the bead wider.
If you prefer shorter, round chubby beads, make the bead as narrow as possible from tip to tip



Step 3: Give your bead a quick roll to round out the product, and then glue the product as you roll it up.
It’s pretty simple when recycling with paper beads; sometimes it’s a matter of sizing up the product you wish to Bead Up! 😊
As you are gluing your bead, be sure to adjust it from side to side to keep the bead even from tip to tip. 😊

My TIP for the beginning beader: Keep a rag close by to wipe the excess glue from your finger tips, so you don’t wipe in on your pants like I have 😊

Step 4: After completing your new recycled paper bead, if you wish to remove it to dry, give it a quick ten breath dry cycle, cupped in your hand, **BEFORE** you try to remove it. Trust me on this one...and be gentle when removing the bead...upcycled materials can be tricky!
(This is why I created the dual tip roller so that you can just flip the roller over and load it up with the next bead...my roller is pictured sitting on my coffee cup for visual aid.)



.... 😊 I hope you have enjoyed learning how to
Recycle & Craft with Paper Beading!
After you get the “bead bug” you will *NEVER* look at your (or your neighbor’s) recycling bin the same again 😊