

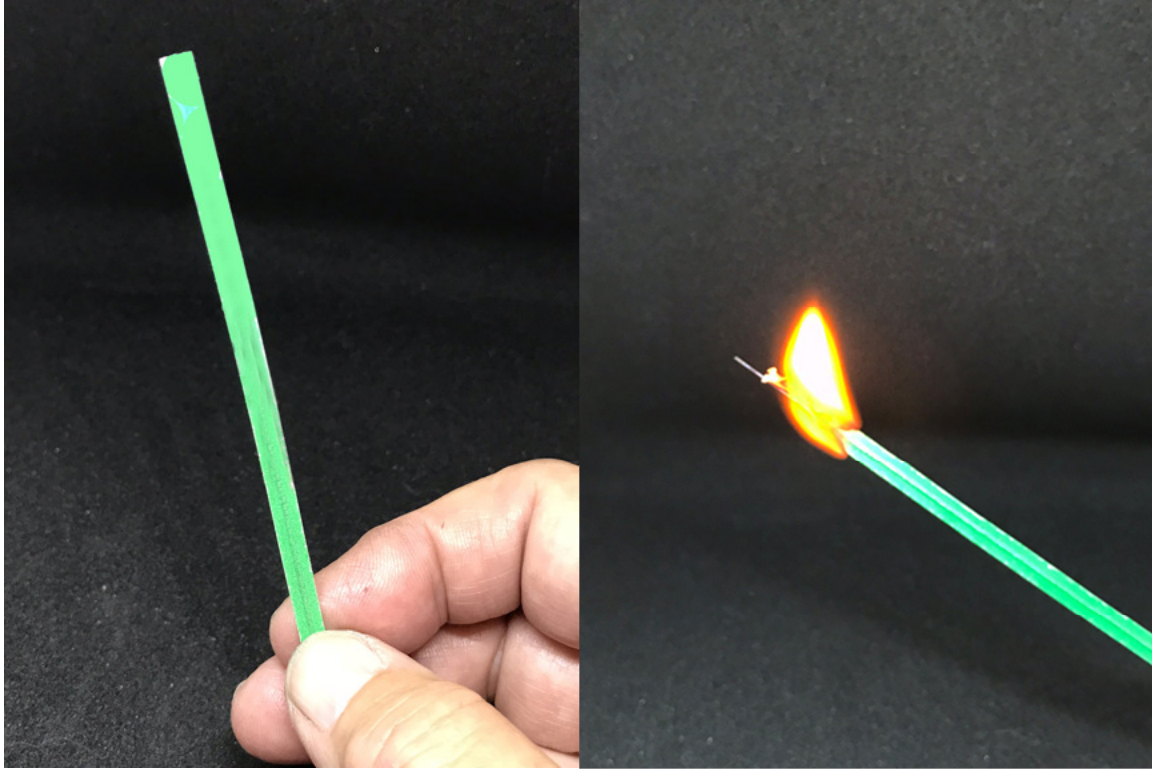


A Very Simple Gift~ Beady Boppers!

Do you have a bowl of “Beginner Beads” you’re not sure what to do with? Even simple beads can be made into fun dangly accessories for zippers, key rings, and backpacks! I call these little dangles **Beady Boppers** and I’ve sold hundreds of them over the years. For supplies, you will just need beads and a few inches of yarn, leather or cord.

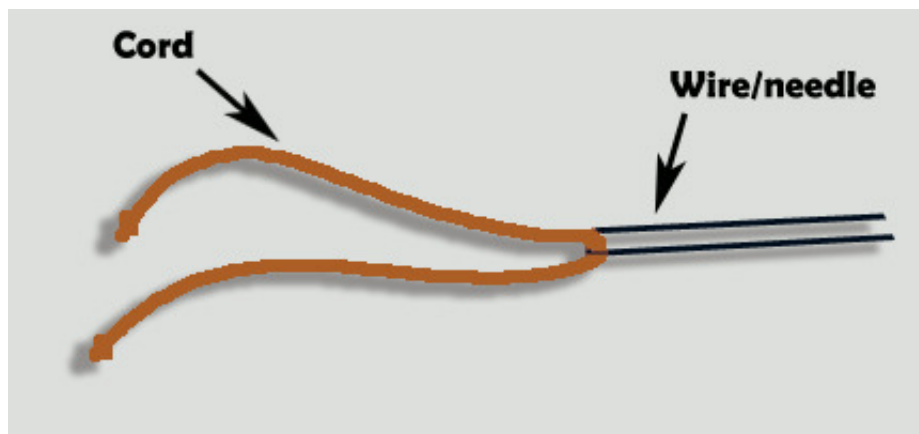
For tools you’ll just need a bread tie (yes, really) and a pair of pliers (optional). Your beads should have a hole large enough to accommodate whatever cord you select. That’s it!

Just follow these easy steps to make your own fun Beady Bopper dangles....



Step One

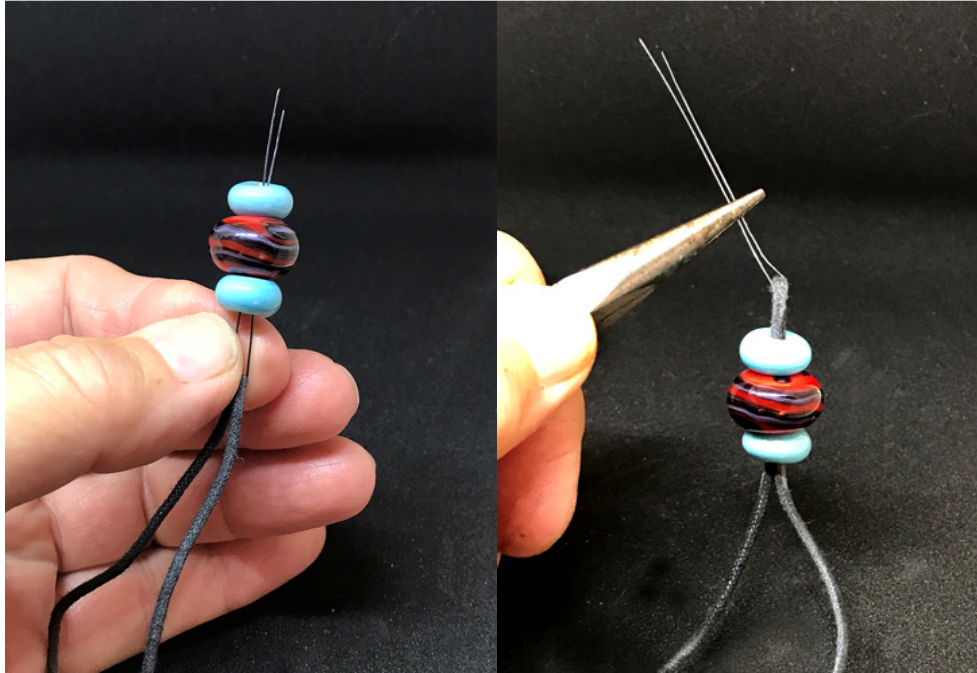
Find a bread tie (the paper/wire kind, not the plastic ones!). Carefully burn the paper off of the wire tie. What's left will be a thin, very strong wire. Let it cool. By the way, if you can't find a paper/wire tie, you can also use a thin, flexible craft wire about 4" long.



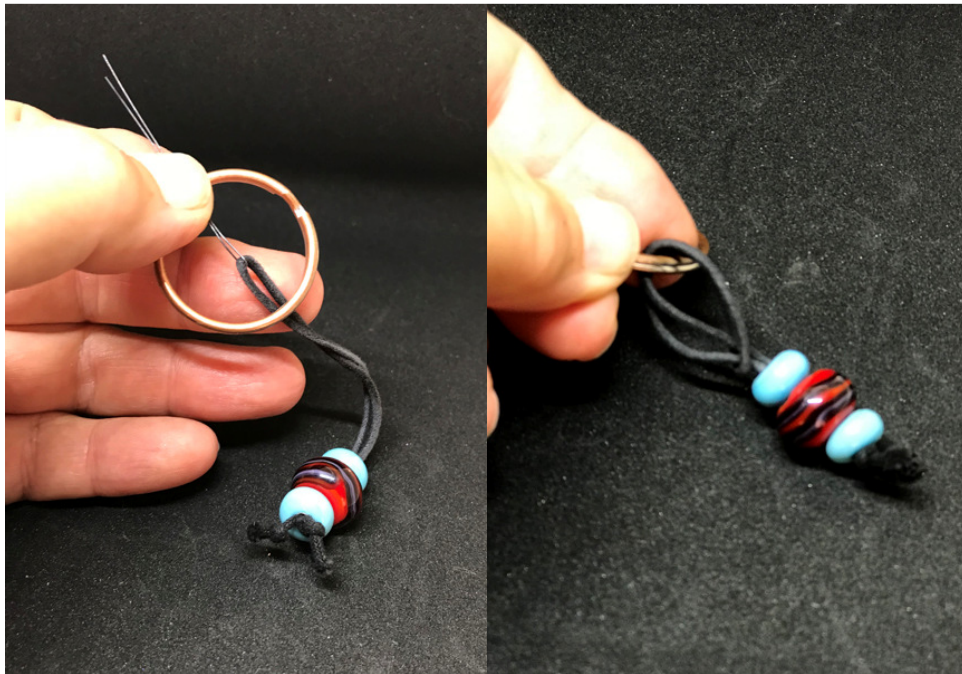
Step Two

Make a slip knot in each end of an 8" cord. Fold your wire in half to form a needle and string the cord as shown above. If you plan to do this project with kids, prepare the wires ahead of time.

Step Three



Choose 2 or 3 beads and thread them on your wire needle. Pull the needle and cord through the beads (pliers are optional, but they can help if the cord is a tight fit). You're almost there!



To attach your dangle, slide the needle through the ring (or zipper pull, backpack or phone attachment). Remove the needle, then slip the folded cord loop over the beads and pull it tight.

Step Four



To adjust the dangle length, slide the beads up and knot the cord below the beads. Trim the extra cord and you're done! That's all there is to it!

Making **Beady Boppers** is a great, fun activity to do with children ~ it requires minimal tools and supplies, and who doesn't have a zipper, a shoelace, or something else that needs to be decorated? Have fun!

Need a school fundraiser or affordable craft show item? I always kept a bowl full of these on my craft show table and people loved them. Tie the cord through a business card so people remember where they got them (or add a thank you card for donating to your fundraiser).



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