

# Bread Clay Beads & Necklace



## Materials

- 6 pieces white bread
- 3 TBS white glue
- clear dishwashing liquid
- acrylic craft paint
- string

## Tools

- toothpicks
- mini cutters
- workable mat
- bowl
- plastic kids' needle
- scissors

1. Tear off the bread crusts and rip the bread into small pieces.
2. Rub your hands completely in dishwashing liquid.
3. Then in the bowl, combine the glue, shredded bread, & a couple drops of dishwashing liquid. Mix thoroughly with your hands, adding more glue if the dough is too dry or more dishwashing liquid to your hands if the dough starts to stick to your hands.
4. After it is combined, divide the dough into separate batches for each color you would like to make. Add several drops of acrylic paint to each ball and blend thoroughly to get the color you wish to achieve; you may need to add more drops for your desired color.
5. Grease the mat & the cutters with the dishwashing liquid. Once the colors are blended into each ball, make desired beads & shapes.
6. After all the shapes are made, pierce a hole in each shape with a toothpick, inserting it completely through and leaving the toothpick inside the shape for the first stage of drying.
7. After 2 hours, remove the toothpicks from the shapes by rotating them out of the hole and creating a bigger hole.
8. Let shapes dry completely overnight, or longer, depending on the thickness of your shapes.
9. After this drying period, reinforce holes with another toothpick, then with the plastic kid needle, making sure the needle & string will be able to travel through each shape.
10. Once completely dry, thread the needle and bead the necklace to your liking.

