

Bead Bracelets and Wands

This activity explores



**Sorting &
Collecting**



Patterns

Learning Goals

Practice sorting beads into groups based on their color, size and shape; explore making patterns with beads.



What You'll Need

- Assorted large crafting beads
- Pipe cleaners or string
- Tape or glue
- Ribbons, feathers, toy gems

Steps



Denotes a step that may require adult support.

1. Pick a bead! From the pile of beads, pick one. Think together: Can you find another bead that is the same? How do you know they are the same? Now, let's find one that is different.

2. Sort the beads! Sort the beads into groups based on color, size, or shape. Talk about how the beads are alike or not.

3. String the beads! Put the beads on a piece of string or pipe cleaner. See if you can make a pattern with the beads.



4. Make a bracelet or wand! Tie the ends together to make a bracelet.

To make a wand, bend the ends of the pipe cleaner into a circle or heart. Decorate your wand with feathers, ribbons, or gems.

Watch Video



Talk Together

- Which bead is exactly like this one?
- How are the beads different? Is there anything about them that is also the same?

Book Suggestion

"Sam Sorts"

by Marthe Jocelyn

Online Game

The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That: Sorta-Ma-Gogo

pbskids.org/catinthehat/games/sorta-ma-gogo