

MonLife Museums and Arts Activity Sheet

Beautiful Beads



Just like today, people in the past liked to wear jewellery. In Roman times ladies liked to wear necklaces made from glass Melon Beads, just like these on display in Abergavenny Museum.

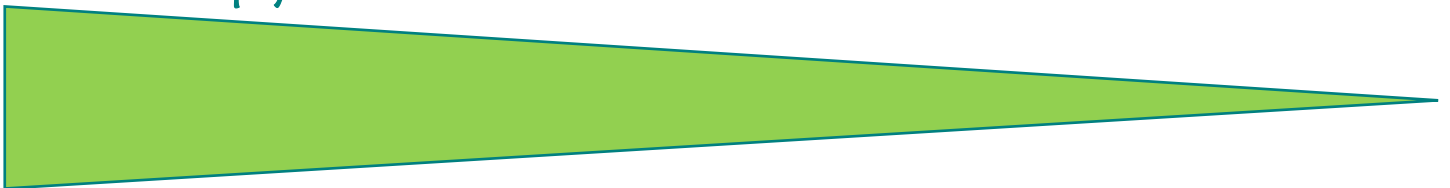
Have a go at making your own necklace using paper beads.

What you need:

- Strips of paper cut into long triangular pieces – use old magazines, coloured paper or patterned paper
- Scissors
- A thin stick
- PVA glue
- Elastic

What to do:

- Cut the paper into long, thin triangular strips – use the guide below to help you



- Wind the strips of paper around the stick – use the widest part of the strip to start and finish with the thin end.
- Cover each 'bead' with glue and let it dry
- String the beads on the elastic and wear your necklace.

