

Make a Necklace



From 15th December 1917 to 14th April 1918 Walter Stinson was at the Red Cross hospital at St. Fagans Castle. Walter was from London and was injured fighting for the London Battalion as a Rifleman.

During Walter's time in the hospital he made a necklace from glass beads and old **wallpaper rolled-up** into beads. This would have helped Walter to feel better. It gave him a task to do so he wasn't bored. It also helped Walter not to think about the terrible things he may have seen when he was fighting on the frontline.



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What you need:

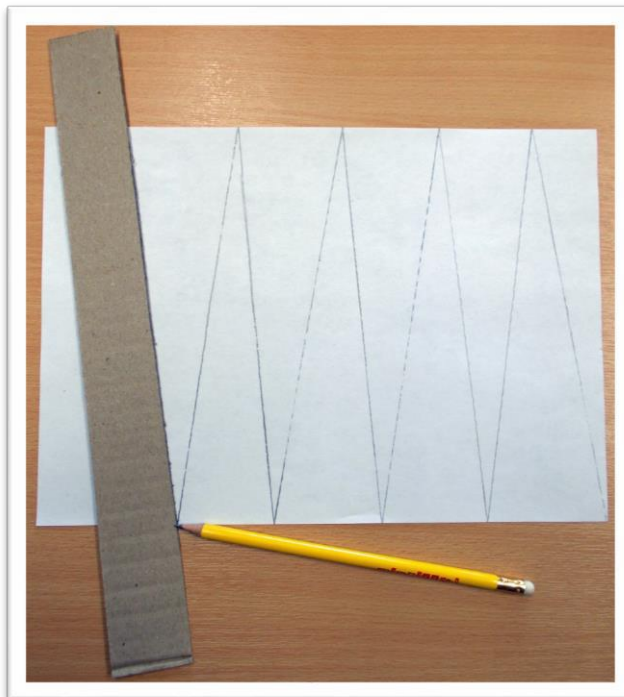
1. Glue Stick
2. Scissors
3. Ruler
4. Pencil
5. Straw
6. String
7. Patterned Paper / Old magazines or comics



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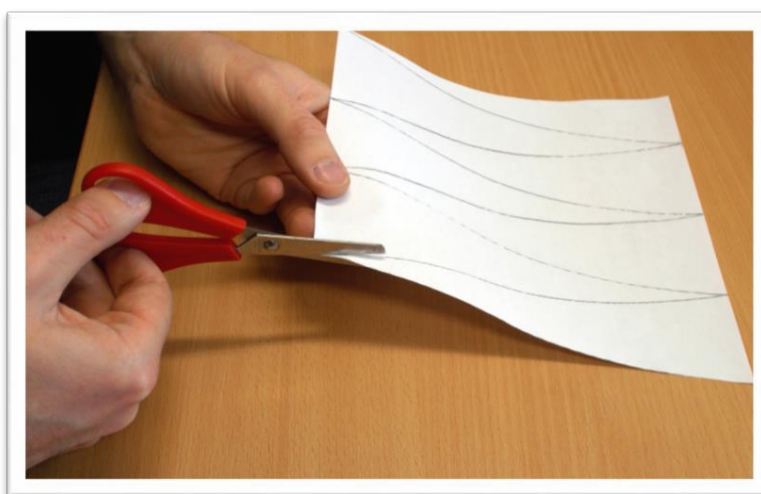
Step 1

Draw triangles on the blank side of the paper. The base of the triangle will be the width of the paper bead. If you want a long bead draw a wide triangle or if you want a short bead draw a narrow triangle.



Step 2

Cut out the paper triangles.



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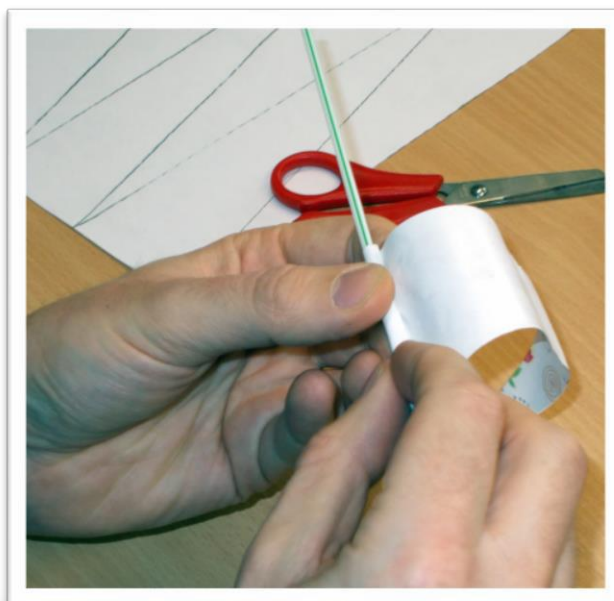
Step 3

Cover the blank side of the paper in glue. Start the glue at least 1cm from the base of the triangle so there is a strip of paper without any glue. This will stop the paper sticking to the straw.



Step 4

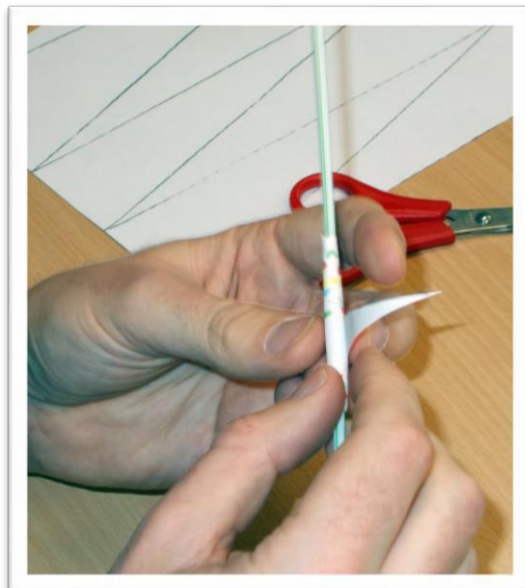
Place the straw at the base of the triangle. Roll the paper around the straw from the base towards the point. If you want to make a bead with a bigger hole you can wrap the triangle around a pencil.



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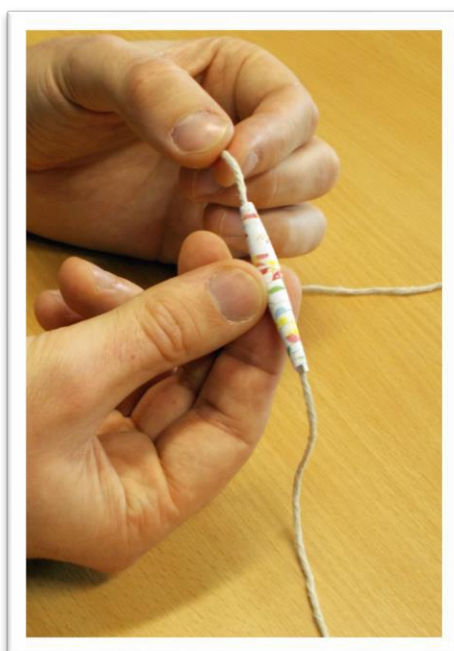
Step 5

As you roll the paper around the straw it should stick together. Try to keep the paper tight together and the point in the middle of the bead. When you have finished rolling the bead slide it off the straw.



Step 6

Cut the string out the length you need. Push the string through the hole in the paper bead.



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Step 7

When you have finished adding the paper beads to the string tie the ends of the string together. If you want a more colourful necklace you can use different coloured or patterned paper. You can also use plastic beads to place in between the paper beads to make it look more like Walter's necklace.

