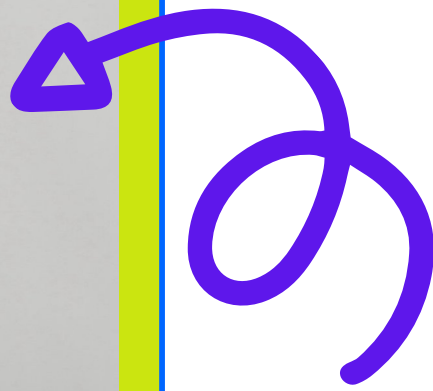




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PAPER BEADS

to bead, or
not to bead?



**Jeffrey Gibson,
Sharecropper,
2015,**

repurposed punching
bag, glass beads, oxidized
copper beads, artificial
sinew, steel,
30 x 12 1/2 x 12 1/2 in

**Courtesy the artist
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**today's activity
is inspired by a
contemporary
artwork in our
collection by
Jeffrey Gibson**



What You'll Need:

- paper
- glue
- scissors
- a pencil
- a ruler



Step 1

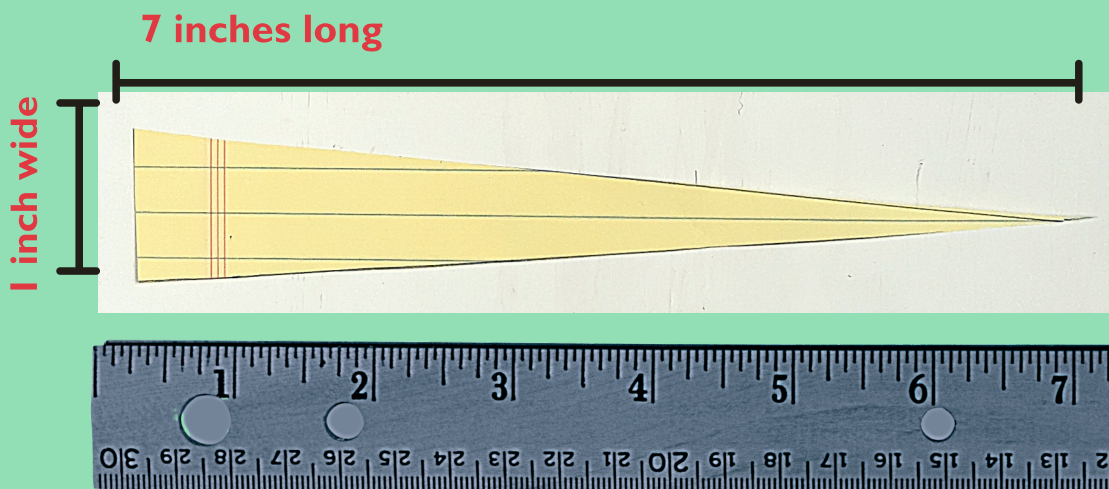
Find paper with patterns or colors that catch your eye!

TIP

Construction paper, magazines, and the inside of envelopes work great!

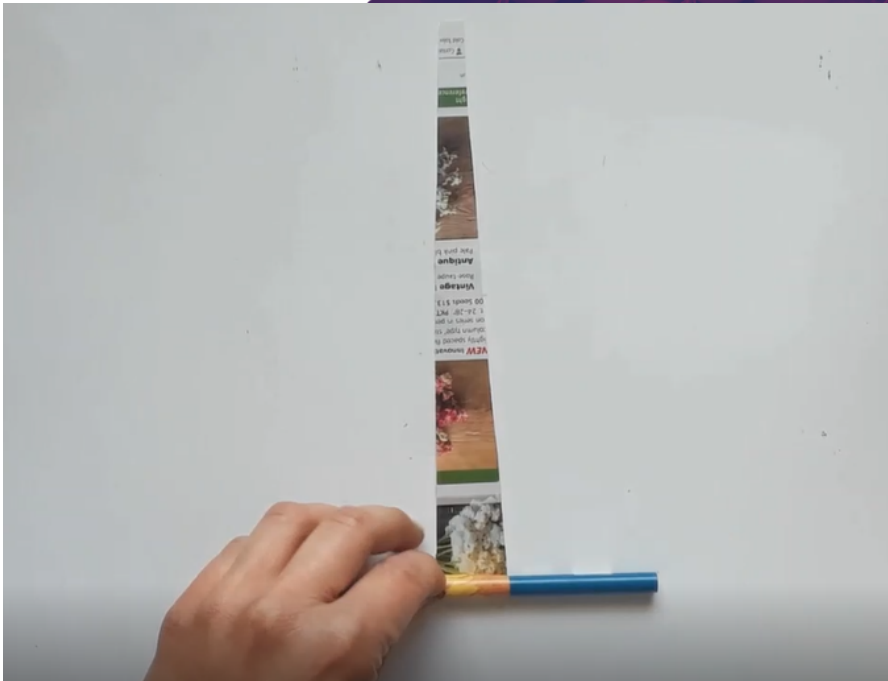
Step 2

Using your ruler, draw triangle shapes that follow the dimensions below.



Step 3

Cut out the triangles and lay the patterned side face down on the table



Step 4

With the pencil at the base of your triangle, roll the base around the pencil once (your pattern should be on the outside)

Step 5

Run a thin line of glue to the end of your paper and then tightly roll up the rest of the paper around the pencil.



TIP
smooth out any
flyaway paper
with glue





now what?

Experiment with different sizes of triangles to make different beads!

Before you roll a bead, write down something you are grateful for or something worrying your mind!

Create a necklace out of three different size beads!



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weaving**



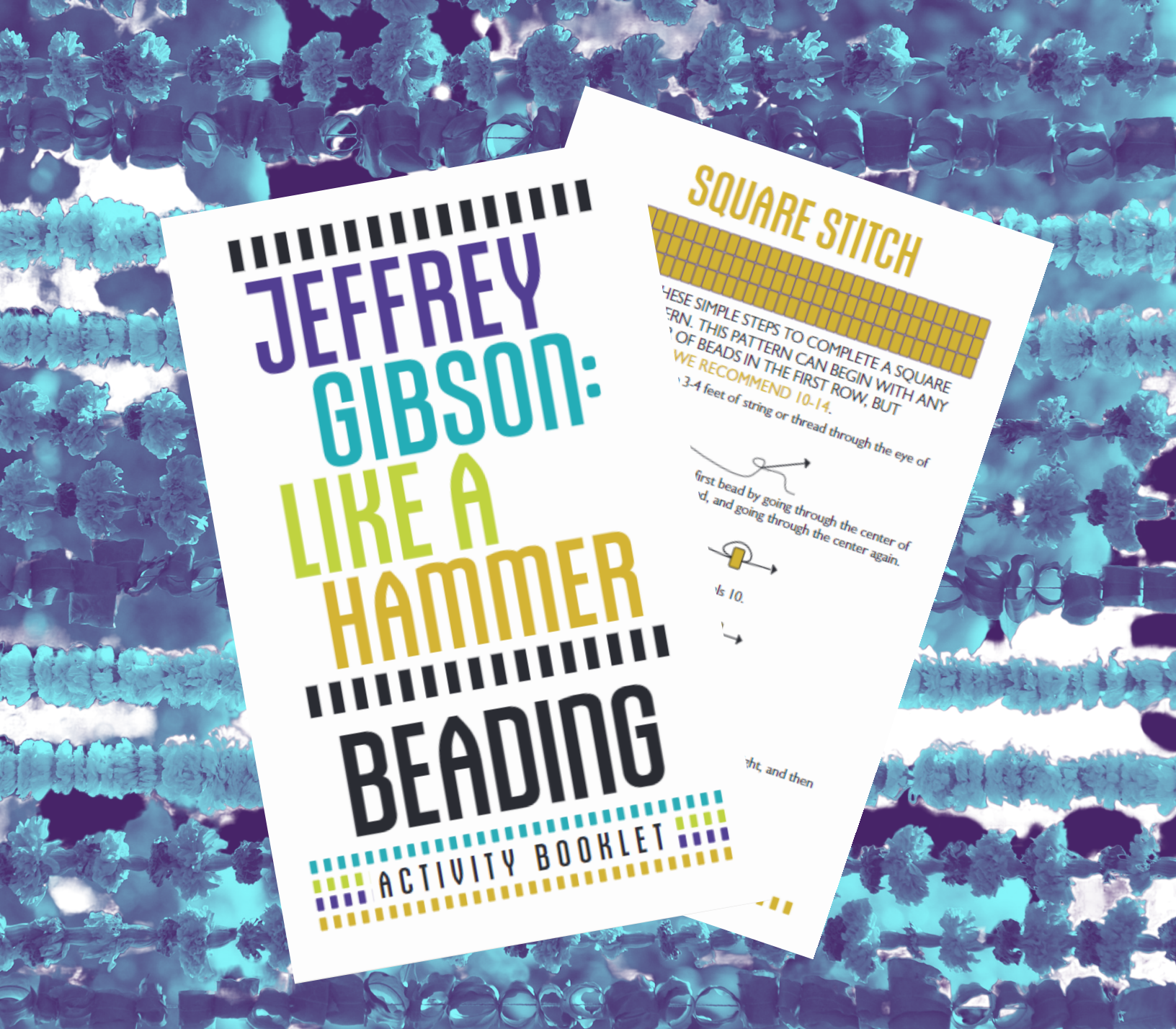
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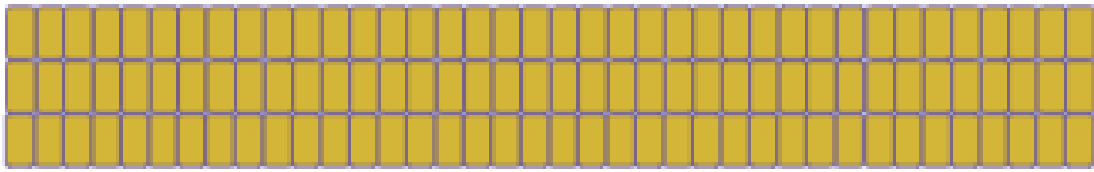


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SQUARE STITCH



FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO COMPLETE A SQUARE STITCH PATTERN. THIS PATTERN CAN BEGIN WITH ANY NUMBER OF BEADS IN THE FIRST ROW, BUT WE RECOMMEND 10-14.

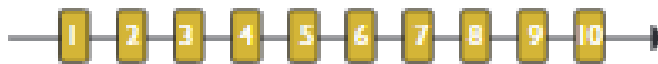
1. Grab a needle and run 3-4 feet of string or thread through the eye of the needle.



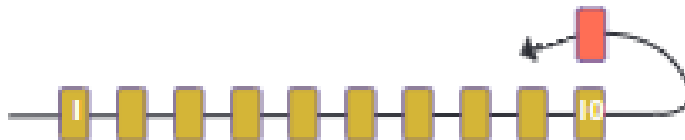
2. Tie a starting knot around the first bead by going through the center of the bead, looping the thread around, and going through the center again.



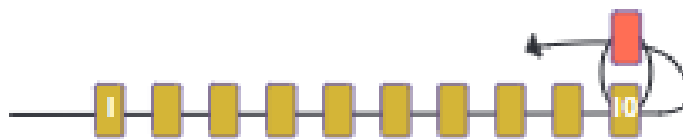
3. Add 9 more beads, so the first row equals 10.



4. Add bead 1 on the second row



5. Loop the needle through bead 10 in the first row left-right, and then back through bead 1 in the second row, going right-left.

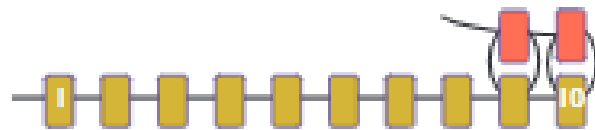




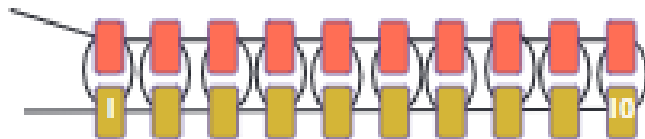
6. Add bead 2 of the second row.



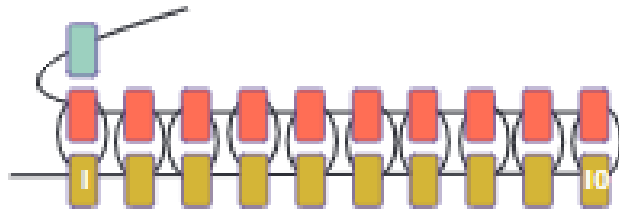
7. Loop the needle through bead 9 in the first row left-right, and then back through bead 2 in the second row, going right-left.



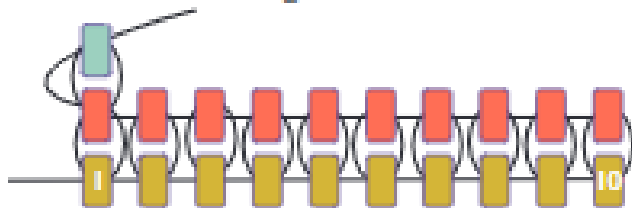
8. Continue pattern of adding a new bead and looping the beads together.



9. Add bead 1 of row 3.



10. Loop needle through bead 10 on row 2 right-left, and back through bead 1 on row 3 left-right.



11. Continue pattern. On the final row, tie a knot on the final bead to complete.

