



City of Middletown Recreation Recycles



Coffee Bag Beads



Materials Needed:

- Used Coffee Bags
- Glue Gun & Scissors
- Toothpick or straw
- Modge Podge (optional)
- Yarn, string, thread or elastic
- Needle

If you can't buy coffee beans in bulk, the second best option is to buy them in bags. Both ground coffee and whole beans are available in bags. It not only saves money, but also reduces waste. If you use a single cup coffee machine, use a reusable pod container for your grounds. The plastic pods are not recyclable in Middletown and use a lot of resources to make and create a lot of waste to dispose.

Coffee bags are a better option, but they also are not accepted in the recycling. Some of the bags are very decorative and you might be able to use them for other purposes, such as to grow plants or store items in.

We decided to use coffee bags to make some pretty jewelry! Its easy and fun and you end up with a fun piece of jewelry to show off!

How to make Coffee Bag Beads

1. Rinse and dry the bag.
2. Cut the bag into flat pieces. You'll need to cut out the seams and any vacuum seals.
3. Cut the bag into triangular strips. →
4. Roll the strip over a toothpick, starting at the wider end. Younger children can use a straw which is a bit easier to roll.
5. At the end, glue the tip of the bead so it stays rolled.
6. Brush it with Modge Podge (optional)
7. Once dry, string the beads in a pattern of your liking to make a bracelet, necklace or anklet
8. Show off your new jewelry!

