

Paper Art

Today we will be...

Creating beads from paper.





What are beads?

What are
beads used for?



Beads are small pieces of glass, wood, plastic or other materials that have holes in the middle so they can be threaded. Beads come in lots of shapes, sizes and colours and can be used for lots of different things.

Beads are most often used for making jewellery, such as necklaces, bracelets and earrings.



Beads are also used to decorate objects like shoes, bags or key rings.



As well as making beads from glass, plastic and wood, you can also make beads from paper.

How do you think
we could do this?



How to make paper beads

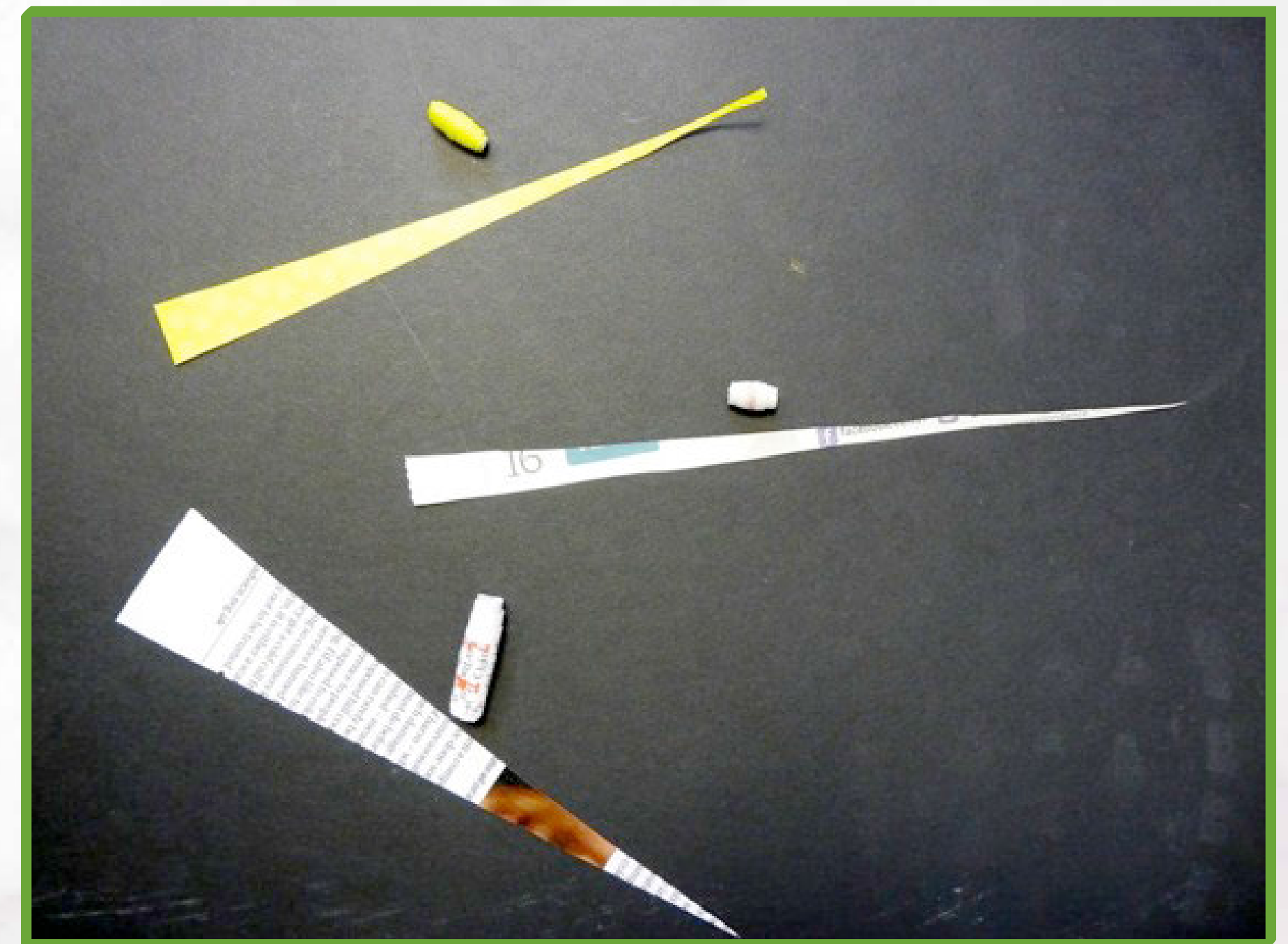
Paper beads are made by rolling triangles of paper around a rod. This rod can be anything round, such as a paintbrush, straw or dowelling. We are going to use art straws which are made of paper for our beads.

The first step is to cut out some long triangles of paper. You can use different types of paper, such as coloured paper, wrapping paper or paper from old newspapers or magazines.



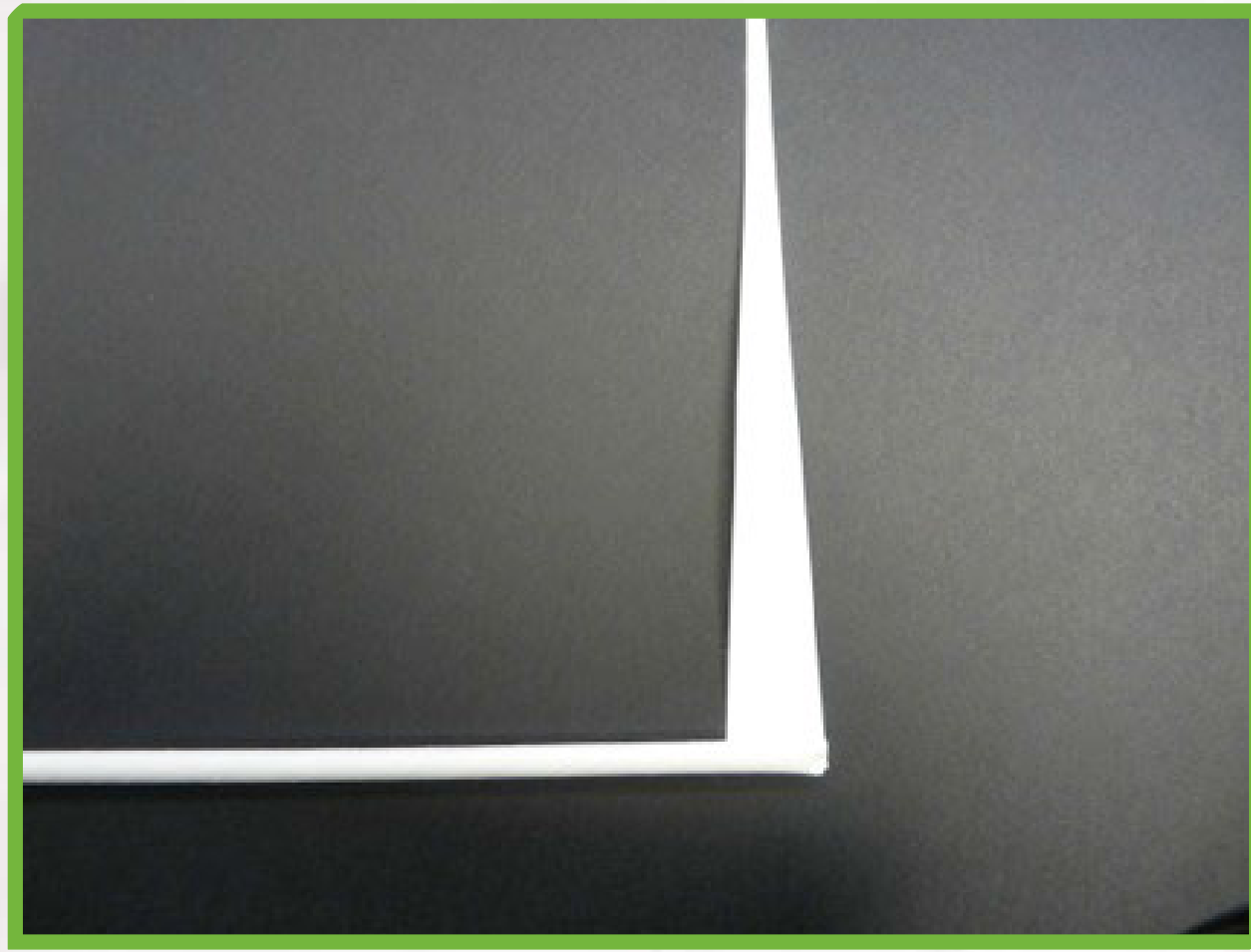
The type of triangle you cut out will determine the shape of your bead. If you have a wide base for your triangle, you will have a wide bead. If you have a narrow triangle, your bead will be smaller.

Wow! How interesting.



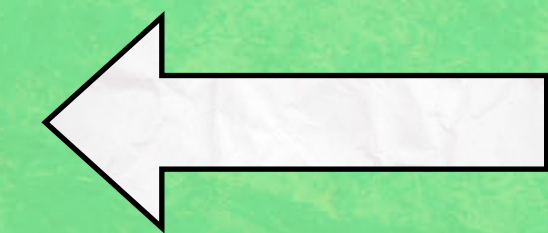
Once you have cut out the triangles you want to use, you are ready to start rolling your beads. Glue the back of the triangle, making sure you glue right to the tip.





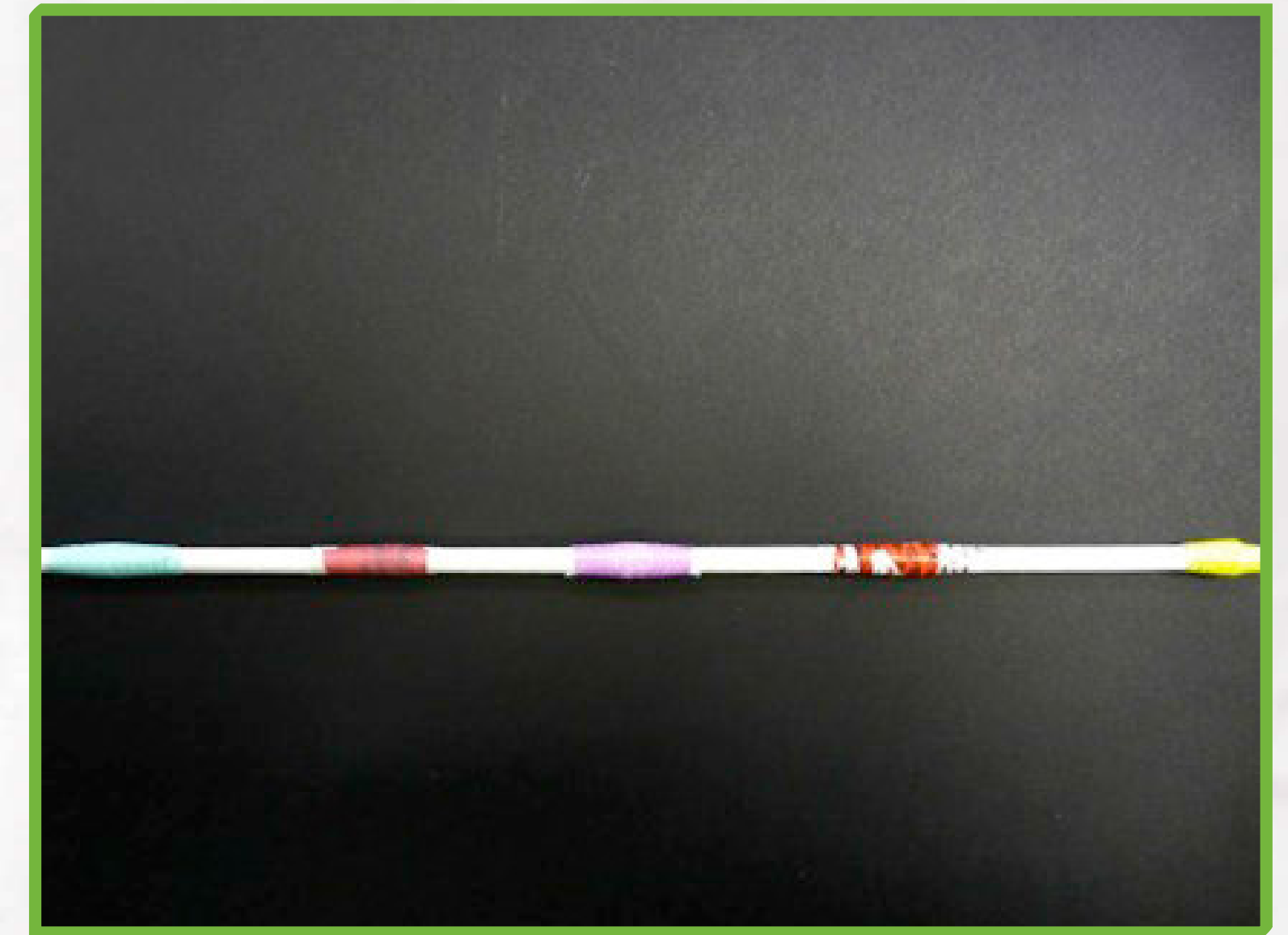
Place the art straw
at the base of
your triangle.

Carefully start rolling
the art straw up
towards the tip. You
need to make sure
you roll it tightly.



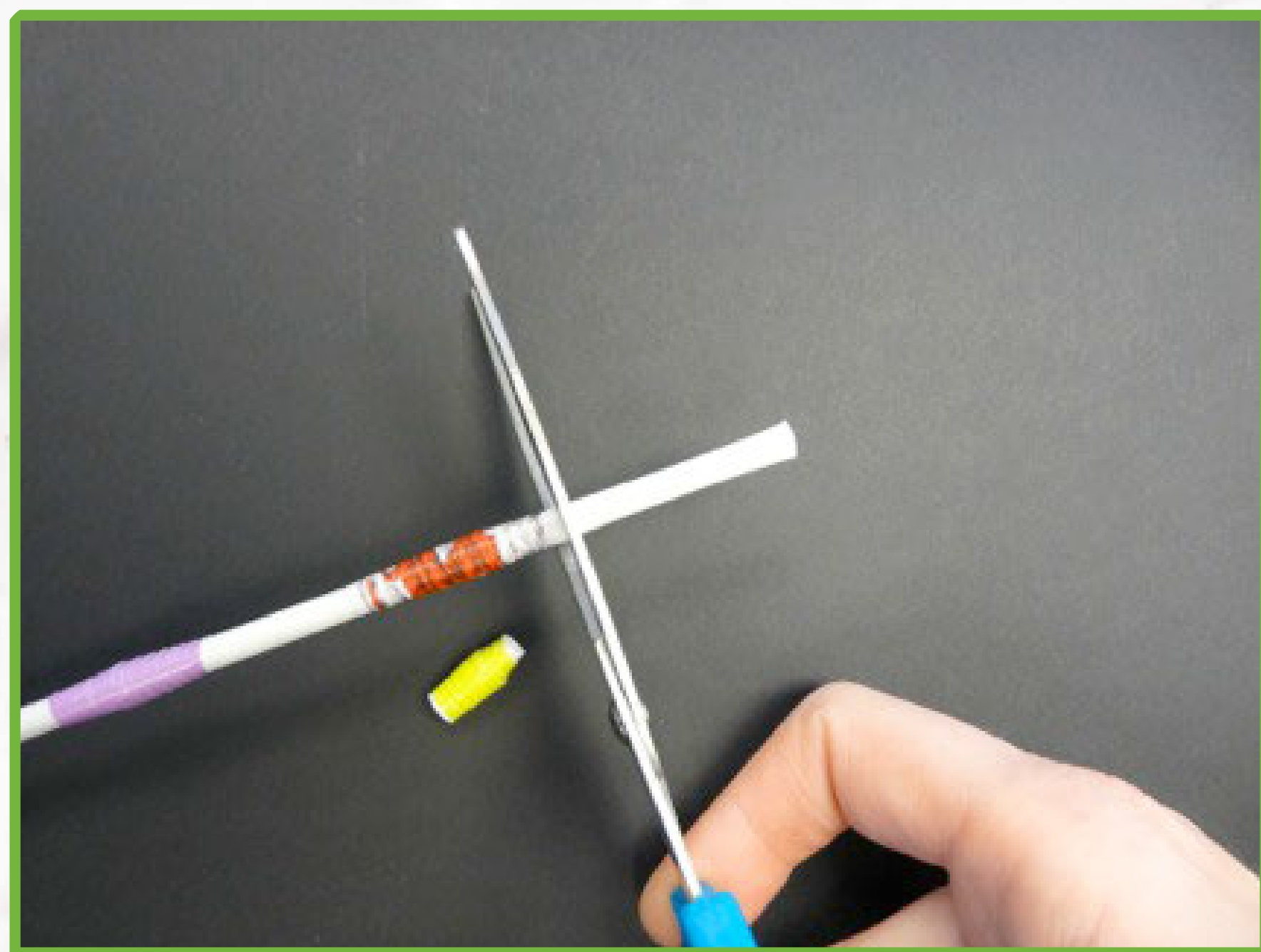


Make sure the tip of the triangle is glued down, then leave to dry.



Make sure the tip of the triangle is glued down, then leave to dry. Repeat this with other triangles along the art straw.

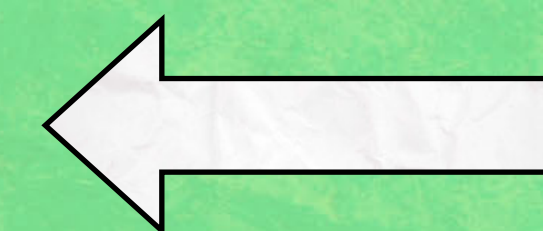




Once the beads are dry, snip the art straw to make your beads.



You now have a set of paper beads!



Here are some examples of objects made from paper beads...



What are these objects?



What
kind of paper
would you like to use
for your beads?



What would you
like to make out of
your beads?

