

Pandora Style



Paper Beads Template

Use these Templates for making your own Pandora Style Paper beads!

This template will make 9 Pandora Style paper beads per sheet. The cutting lines are color coded for the 3 different sizes of strips you will need to make the beads. The dark grey are the straight strips for the core. The blue lines are for the 2nd strip and the red lines are for the 3rd strip for each bead.

What you will need:

Plain white copy paper, recycled is fine 8½" x 11"
Colorful 8½" x 11" Scrapbook Paper
White Glue that is tacky
Some sort of Glaze
Super Glue
3/16" Eyelets in colors of choice

Tools You Will Need

A computer with a printer.
Some way to Cut your paper, scissors, guillotine cutter or Rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat.
3/16" Paper Bead Roller
Your favorite glazing tools
A place to allow your beads to dry

Step 1: Printing Your Paper

Print only the page that has the template on it on a recycled piece of copy paper. Don't print it directly on the back side of your colorful paper. The lines may show up on your finished beads if you do. Make sure your margins are set to zero and tell your printer to print borderless.

Step 2: Preparing to Cut

Layer your printed sheet of paper with as many layers of colorful scrapbook paper of the same size as your cutting method will allow. I use a guillotine paper

cutter and am able to cut up to 7 sheets at one time so I can have 1 layer as the template and 6 layers as the colorful paper if I want. Of course make sure your printed template is on top and facing up so you can see what you are doing!

Cutting Tip: *I add 3 mini binder clips to one side of my sheets before cutting them so they don't shift and become uneven.*

Step 3: Cutting Your Strips

Cut your strips using your favorite method and stack them up according to size of strip.

Step 4: Rolling Your Strips

Using a 3/16" paper bead roller, roll the straight strip first and only glue the end down when you get to it. Keep your bead on your tool. Glue the 2nd strip to the first one lining up the cut edges together, making sure your wide end of the 2nd strip is butting up to your first strip. Repeat this process for the 3rd strip. Remove your bead from your Paper Bead Roller and set aside. Repeat for the rest of your beads before you glaze them.

Step 5: Glazing Your Beads

Use your favorite method for glazing the beads. I dip them strung on 50lb test fishing line with a smaller waste bead at each end of the line to hold the beads in place and to take on the extra glaze that drips down. I also use a crimp bead on each end to keep the waste beads on the line to prevent them from falling off. I use 4 coats of PC-Petrifier, a wood hardener, and one coat of Janice Mae's Vibrance to glaze my beads.

Step 6: Insert Eyelets

Put a dab of super glue on your eyelet and insert it into the hole on your bead. You will use 2 eyelets per bead. One on each side. Allow to dry a few hours.

Super Glue Tip: *Put a dab of super glue on a plastic lid and use a toothpick to apply your super glue to the eyelet so you won't add too much.*

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