



# How to use the Just Plain Fun Paper Bead Rulers

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**Marking paper bead sheets has never been easier!**

Use these rulers for marking any paper to make paper beads. The rulers in this set are in a wide array of sizes and these instructions will work no matter which size you are using.

This set of rulers will make marking your paper faster and easier than using a traditional ruler.

This instruction booklet is strictly for teaching you how to use the rulers to draw your strips on paper for making paper beads of different shapes as well as basic tapered paper beads. Not for how to actually turn those strips into paper beads.

## Materials Needed

Colorful paper of any size, that you want to turn into beads.

## Tools Needed

Your paper bead marking rulers



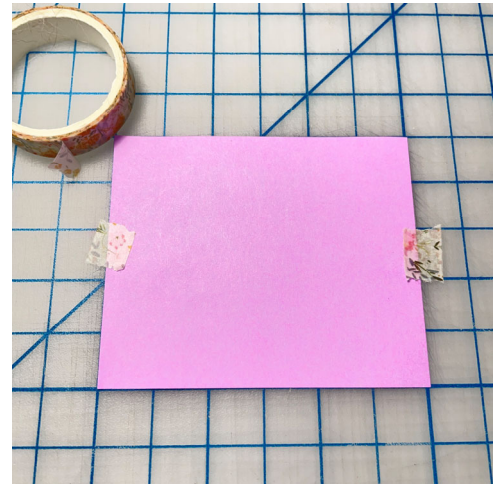
These 6" long rulers can be used to mark paper for making paper bead strips. There are 19 rulers in all ranging from  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 1" with narrow ends in  $\frac{1}{8}$ " increments.

Three of the Rulers have one straight edge that can be connected together, using square holes, to make a long straight edge up to 18" long. For example, one ruler has  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " on one edge and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{1}{8}$ " on the opposite edge. The rulers are marked so when you read the markings, the side facing you is the size that you can read right side up. Turn the ruler around to read and use the other edge.

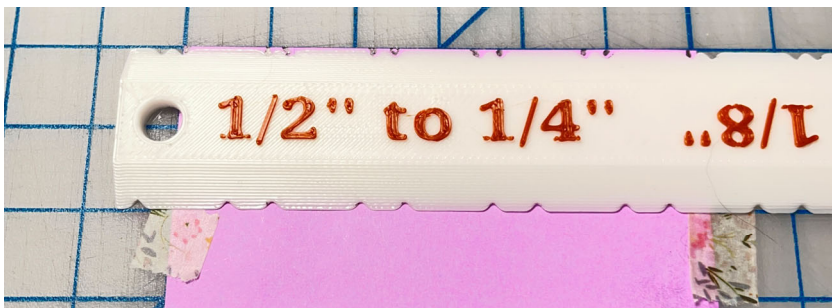
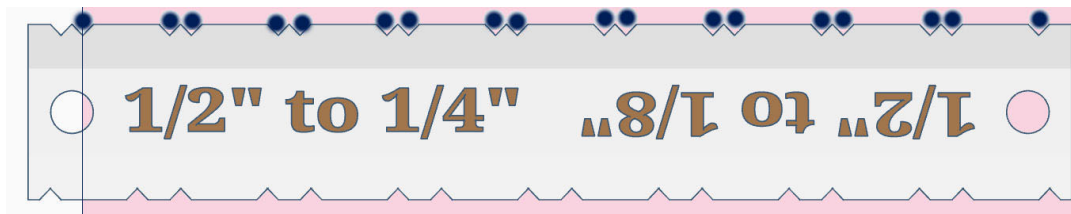
**Tip:** Mark the back side of your paper or you can use a scrap piece of paper, the same size as the paper you are going to use and use it to make a template that will let you layer your colorful papers and cut a few sheets at one time.

Use the following technique no matter what size ruler you are using.

1. Tape your paper to your surface with your washi tape as shown. This will keep your paper in place while you mark your dots across the top and bottom of the paper. You can put the tape near the corners but don't cover the corners. You can use more tape for larger pieces of paper. If you run out of washi tape, you can also use 1/4" wide painters tape as well. The idea is to use a tape that won't tear the paper you will use for your beads.

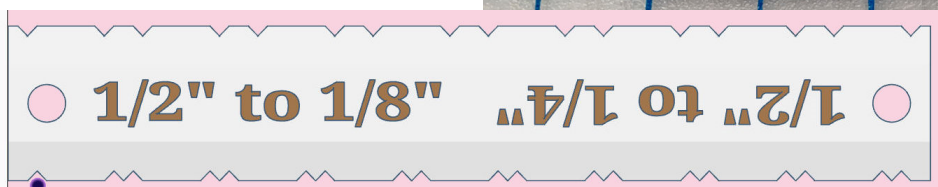
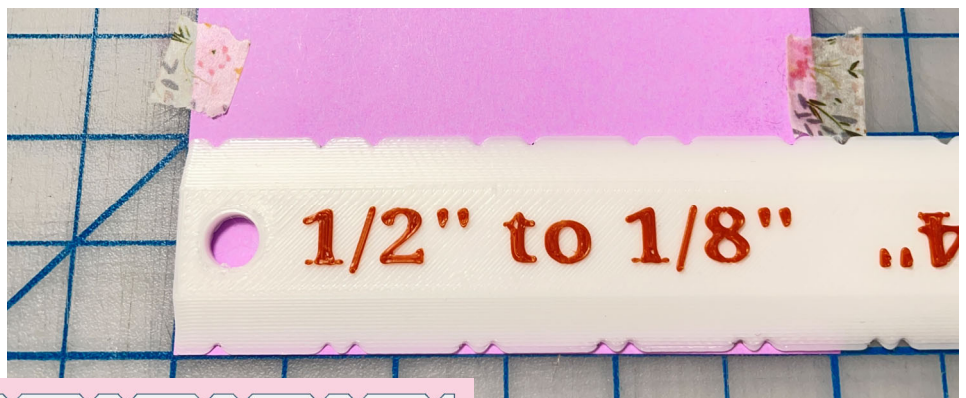


2. The illustration below shows where to place the ruler on the top edge of the paper. This is actually for the 1/2" to 1/8" measurements. Start with the first notch that starts the first 1/2" space and mark each notch across the ruler from there. If you have not run out of paper, move the ruler to the right and line up the first notch on the ruler with the last dot you placed on the top edge of your paper and continue marking your paper as before.



The next photo shows these dots in place across the top of this little sample piece of paper.

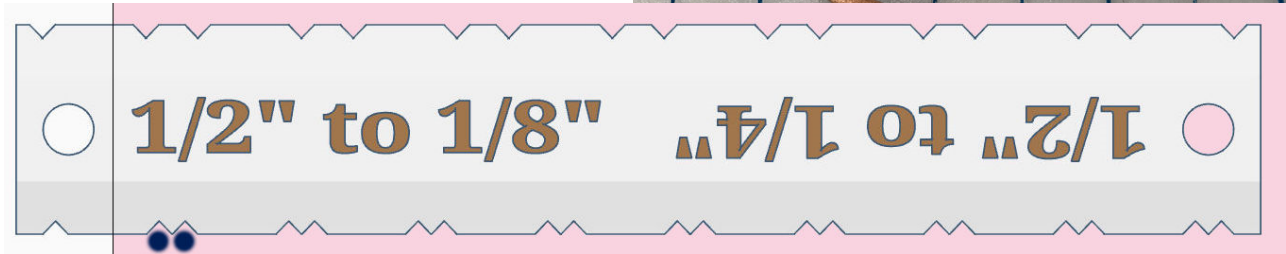
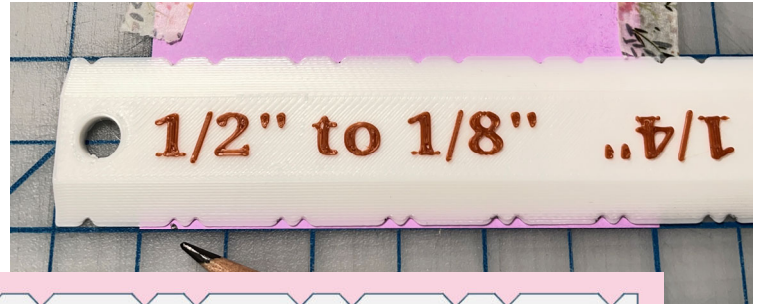
Now turn the ruler around so you can plainly see the measurement you are working with facing you on the left. Align the outside and bottom edge to the bottom left corner of your paper and mark only the first notch.



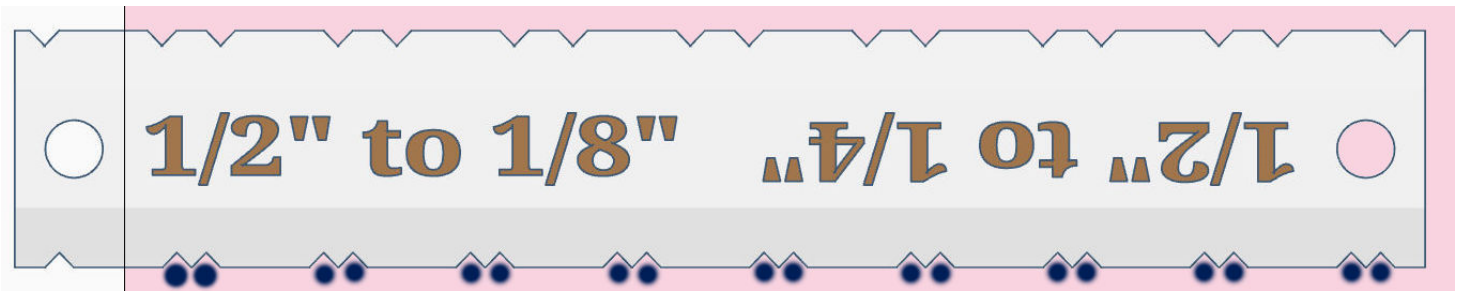


Once the first and only the first notch is marked, slide the ruler to the next notch on the ruler and start marking down the rest of the ruler using the rest of the notches.

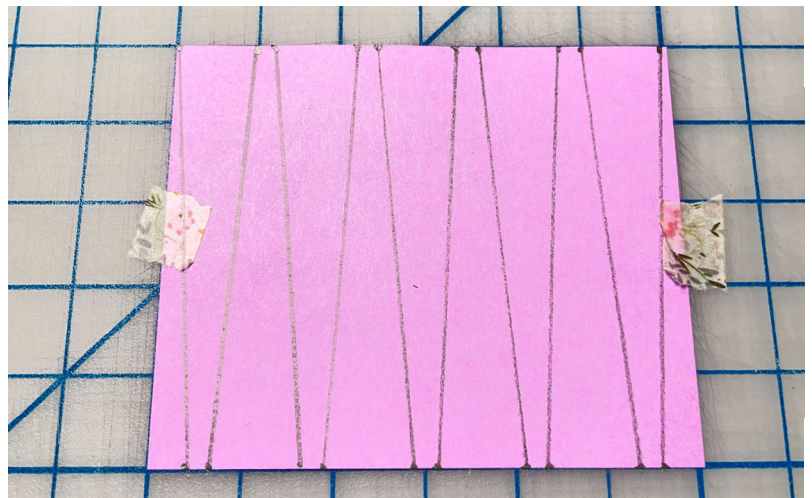
The dots on the bottom edge should be center to



The whole bottom edge should be filled with dots like this centering them to the top dots that are across the paper.



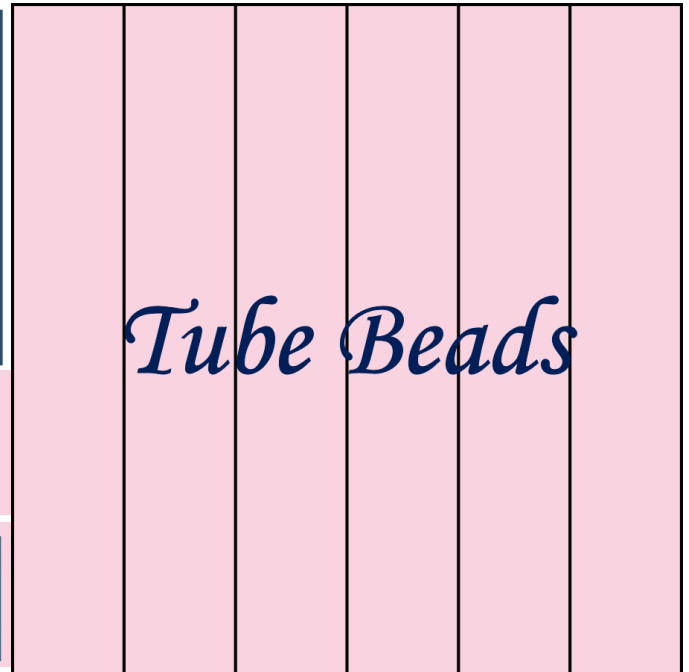
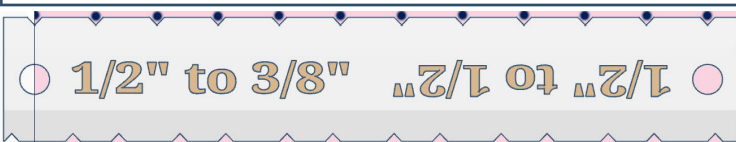
Draw the lines from top to bottom as shown in the picture. Now you are ready to cut your paper into strips!



## Marking Your Paper for Making Special Shaped Beads

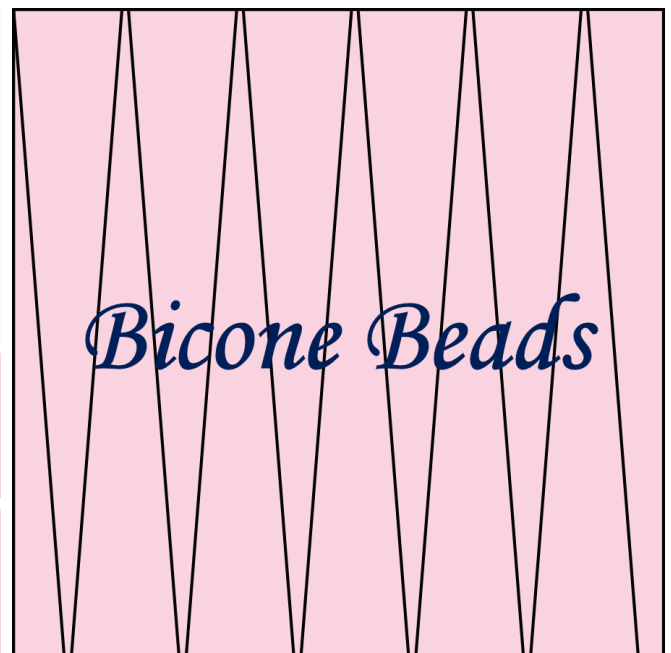
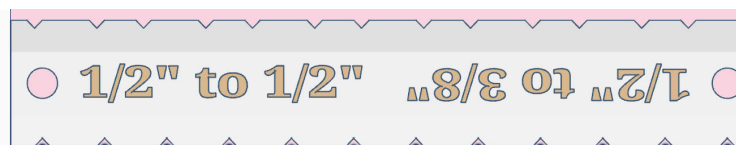
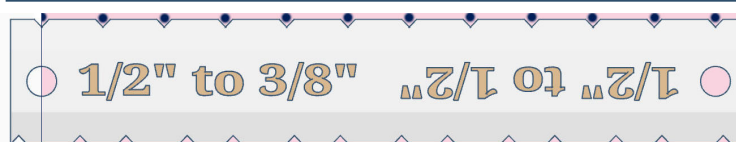
### *Tube Beads*

Use any ruler where both the wide and narrow end are the same size. Mark every notch across the ruler starting at the paper's edge on the top and bottom.



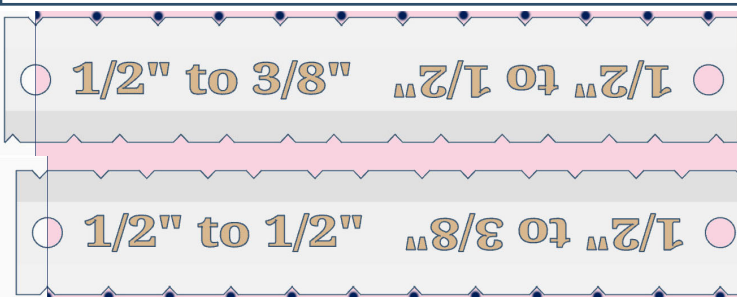
### *Bicone Beads*

Can be made with the same ruler as Tube Beads and any ruler where the narrow end is less than half the size of the wide end. For example. 1/2" to 1/8" or 3/4" to 1/4"



# Cone Beads

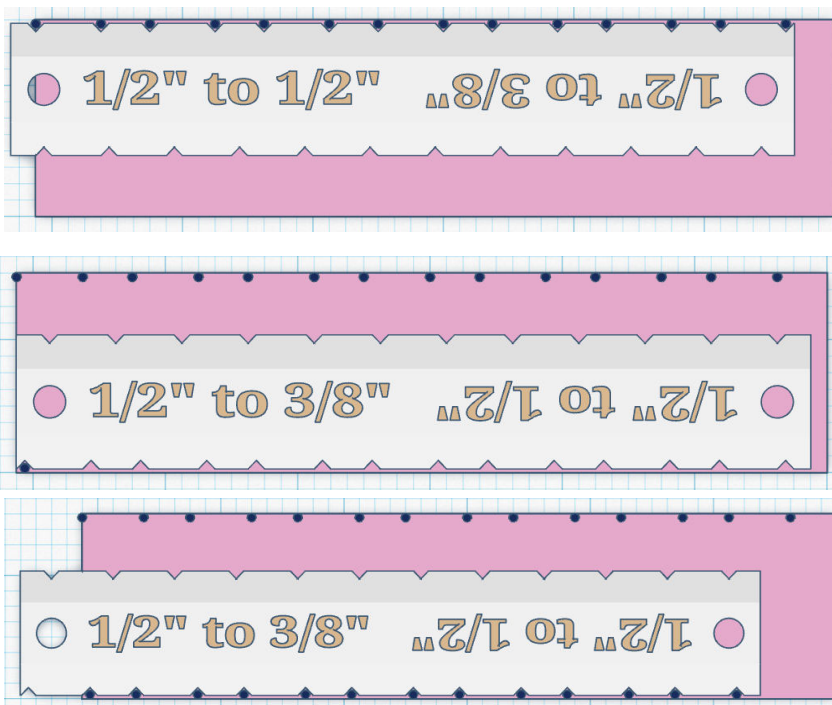
Cone Beads can be made with the same ruler as Tube Beads or Bicone Beads. You can use the same layout as the Tube beads but instead of drawing them straight, you draw them diagonally from top to bottom.



## Barrel or Bullet Beads

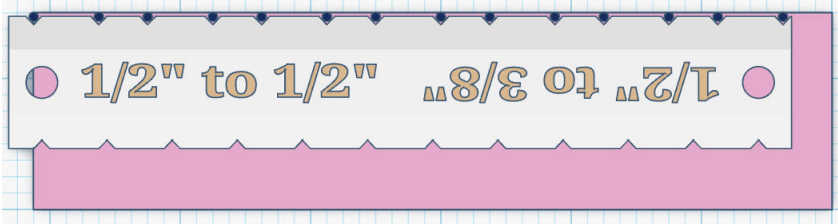
Barrel beads can be made with any ruler that the narrow end is either half or more than half the size of the wide end. For example, 1/2" to 3/8" or 3/4" to 3/8".

First start with the ruler in the upper left corner of your paper as shown. Put your marks in every notch across the ruler, moving your ruler across the paper as needed.



Turn your ruler around and move it to bottom of the paper and line the outside and bottom edge of your ruler to your paper. Make your first mark at the first notch only.

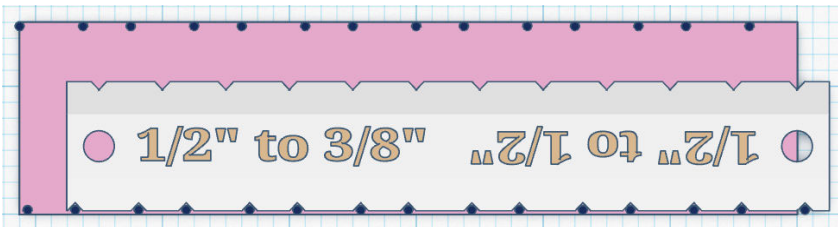
Move your ruler to the left and line the next notch where you put the first dot and mark the rest of the notches across your paper moving your ruler across the paper to repeat the pattern as needed.



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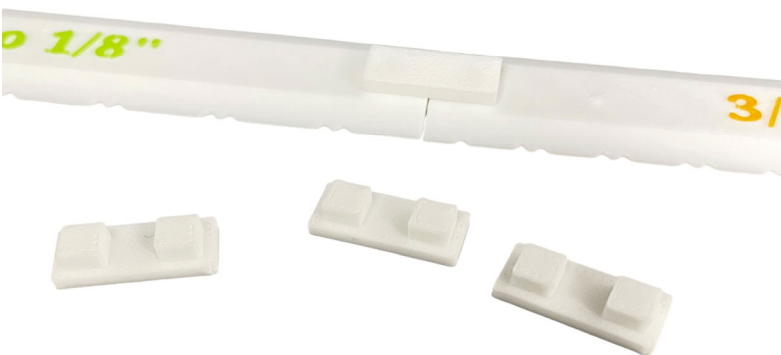


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Bullet Beads: Strips for bullet beads are made the same way as barrel beads but when you roll your bead, do not put glue on until you are at the very end of the roll. Then after you are finished rolling your bead, remove from the roller and press one end down so one end of the bead is

## *Straight Edges and Connectors*



There are 3 rulers that have a straight edge on one side and these also have a square hole. These are designed to be connected together using the included connectors to give you a 12" or 18" long straight edge, to aid you in drawing your lines from the top of the paper to the bottom of the paper.

I have included 5 colorful rings for you to group your rulers together if you want to for storage. It is not possible to mark your paper with the rings on the rulers but only meant to keep them together while not in use. The colors may vary from those you see in this photo.



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