



# Paper Bead Crafts

## Universal Marking Templates

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

This set of templates will make marking your paper faster and easier than using a ruler and pencil. The marking lines are solid black. There are horizontal strips under the markings that are marked with the size of the wide and narrow ends of your strips. One sheet can mark several sheets of paper! Cut the strips apart on the dashed lines from one end to the other.

### Materials Needed

Plain white copy paper, recycled is great, 8½" x 11"

Empty wire spools 2 7/8" x ½" to store template strips.

Recycled paper cut to the same size as the paper you want to use for your paper beads. \*

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

White tacky glue of any brand

Some sort of glaze to finish your beads.

### Tools Needed

A computer with a printer

Cutting tools of choice

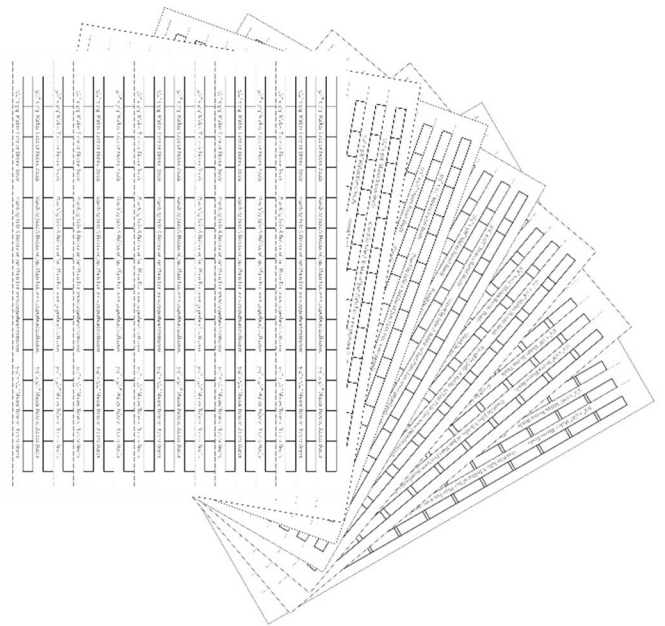
Any size paper bead roller

Your favorite glazing tools

A place to allow your beads to dry

### Printing Templates

Print only the page that has the template on it on a sheet of full-page copy paper. Do not print these templates on the back side of your colorful paper since these are only meant to mark your edges of your colorful paper for cutting into the strips you will eventually roll into beads. Make sure your margins are set to .25 and you click on making sure your printer is set to print the actual size or at 100% scale. You will end up with borders around the perimeter but that is



ok. Your marks will be accurate for the size you chose if you make sure you are printing the actual size of the content of your sheet.

If you want to store your extra strips, you can store them flat in a folder or purchase one of our specially designed Universal Template Spool Winding tool and kit. Go to [www.jpfun.com/universal](http://www.jpfun.com/universal) to check it out!

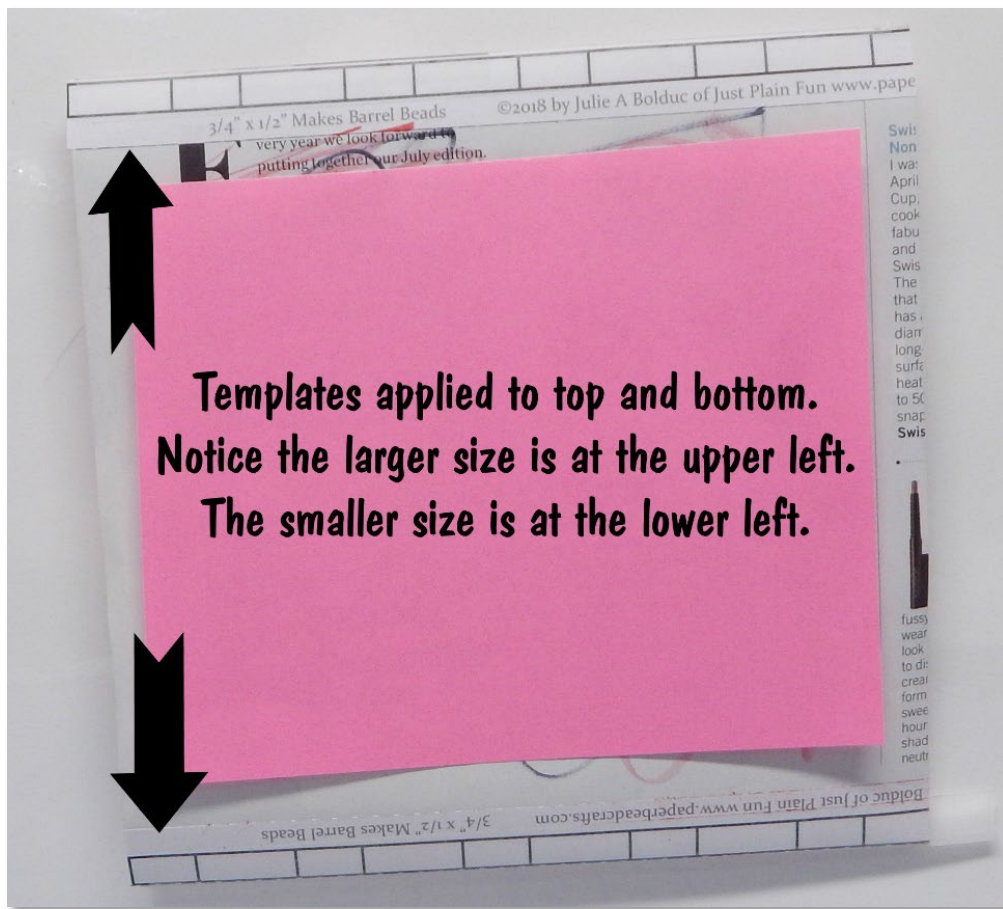


Figure 1: This is 6"x6" Scrapbook Paper Prepared for cutting.

### Copy paper vs Sticker Paper.

One note about the type of paper you use to print these strips on. In my experience, it is easier, and you get better results when you print them onto regular copy paper as opposed to sticker paper. Also, not everyone has sticker paper, so these instructions are mainly for using copy paper.

### Using Your Template Strips

Either apply double sided tape or glue stick to the top of your recycled layer of paper cut down to the exact same size as your paper bead paper. Do the same for the bottom edge.

If you don't have double sided tape or a glue stick, you can use regular white glue to glue your strips to the top and bottom of your template sheet or paper bead sheet. You can also use an adhesive runner, if you have one, to adhere the paper strips to your top layer.

### Gluing Strips Tip:

If you are using strips that will make tapered beads, make sure, when applying the strips to your top layer, to you start either the top or the bottom on the narrow marks and the opposite side with the opposite marks that you started with on the top edge.

You can use as many layers of colorful paper of the same size as your cutting method will allow. I

use a combination of a guillotine cutter and rotatory cutting blade with a mat to cut my strips. Of course, when you do layer your sheets, make sure the prepared cutting template is on the top so you can see what you are doing.

### \*Cutting Tips:

I use recycled magazine pages or newspaper to make a top and bottom layer cut down to the same size as my pretty paper to prevent tearing damage my pretty paper. I use transparent tape on the top and bottom edges to form sort of a cover for my bundle of pretty paper that I can cut through all at the same time. With transparent tape, you can see your marks and the paper will stay together better.

I add up to 3 mini binder clips to the opposite side, of where I plan to start cutting my paper bead strips, of my bundle to lock everything together before cutting them so they are less likely to shift and become uneven.

The sample photo is a bundle of 6 sheets of 6"x6" scrapbook paper with a layer of magazine pages on the front and back. I taped the top and bottom edges together to keep all layers together. The universal template strips are the 3/4" x 1/2" and are stuck to the bottom and top edge of the magazine paper.

## Making Special Shaped Beads

If you look on the templates, you will see what types of shapes can be made with the strips. These are suggestions only. The following describes each type and gives the basics of how-to layout and cut the strips to make them.



### Tube Beads

These beads are straight from end to end and can have any size hole. Every set of template sets has one of these templates. Basically, just line the template strips evenly at the top and bottom of the sheet of paper you want to cut into strips and cut from mark to mark going straight up and down. When rolled

up, they should be flat on either end of the bead.



### Cone Beads

These beads can be made from the tube bead template and any other template where the narrow end is small. When using the tube bead template, lay the template on your paper like you would for the straight tube beads but instead of cutting in straight lines up and down, cut the paper on a diagonal starting on the left or right mark and ending up on the opposite side of the mark at the bottom. Your strip should be a right-angle triangle.

Another way of making cone beads is to make basic tapered beads and when it is rolled up, push one point into the bead to flatten one side out. This works best if you only glue the very end of the strip down in place at the end of rolling the strip.

All of these of beads are just a tiny of sample of what you can make with these templates. The possibilities are endless! Be as creative as you want and don't be afraid to experiment with different shapes and sizes!



### Bicone Beads

These beads can be made from the tube bead templates, or any of the other templates that say Bicone. The way you make them from the tube bead template is you lay the template across the top of your paper starting with the edge of the markings on the left edge of the paper. The strip you place on the bottom should be offset by half of the width of the first 2 markings. For example, if you want to make 1" long beads, use the 1" template. Place the whole one-inch section to the far left for the top and measure in 3/8" or fold the first 3/4" in half to mark the placement of the bottom strip. See Picture.



### Barrel Beads

Barrel beads are beads that taper a little bit on the ends but for the most part are cylinders on the

center. These can also be cylinder beads. They are rolled so the narrow end is centered to the wide end.



### Hourglass Beads

Hourglass beads are made using 3 strips rolled together. I make them with a wide straight strip as for a tube bead, half the length of 2 tapered strips rolled on either end of the tube bead after the tube bead is rolled. For example. Cut a regular letter sized sheet of paper in half. Going the short way, (5½" long) cut tube bead strips from one

half of this sheet. Cut tapered strips going to long way from the other half so the strips are 8½" long. You will need to roll the tapered strips onto the tube bead core, making sure to center the narrow end of the tapered strip to the wide end. Leave a gap between the tapered strips in the center of the tube bead core.



### European Style Beads

These are also referred to as Pandora Style beads and are made with the 2 largest paper bead rollers, 3/16" and ¼". Basically, go wild, be creative and use any strip you want and experiment. The only thing you want to make sure you

do is make a tube bead core the length that you want your finished bead to be and top it off with 1-3 tapered strips each gradually going as narrow as you want the last strip to be butting each subsequent strip to the previous one. For example, if you start with a 3/8" tube bead strip, the next strips you want will be 3/8" down to ¼", then ¼" down to 1/8" and even perhaps 1/8" down to 1/16". The thickness of the paper will determine how fat your finished bead will be.

### Cutting Your Strips

Cut your strips using your favorite method from the top mark to the corresponding bottom mark.

### Rolling Your Strips

Roll your strips into beads as you normally would.

### Glazing Your Beads

Glaze your beads using your favorite method.

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