

ROLLED PAPER BEADS

Whether you use chiyogami, hand decorated papers, glossy magazine pages or comic books, these beads are a great addition to your paper crafting projects.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

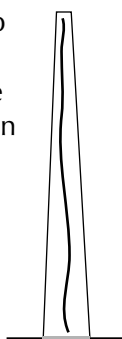
- decorative paper
- bamboo skewers or round tooth picks
- white glue that dries clear or glaze like Judikins Diamond Glaze™
- wax paper
- clean, damp cloth

METHOD

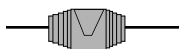
- 1** Cut your paper into strips. I generally use a piece about 6" x 1/2" (15.2 cm x 1.3 cm) or larger. Taper each strip so that it looks like a long triangle. You can have a pointed end or a blunt end.



- 2** Starting at the wide end, roll the strip tightly around the skewer with the wrong side of the paper touching the skewer. Run a thin bead of glue down the center of the strip and continue rolling to the end. The glue will get squished out across the paper as you roll.



- 3** Seal the edges of the bead by rubbing in any of the excess glue that has seeped out.



- 4** Slide the bead off the skewer onto the waxed paper. Before making another bead, wipe the skewer with a damp cloth so the next bead doesn't stick to the skewer.

- 5** When the beads are dry you can slide them back onto a skewer and coat them with varathane or gloss medium. I use Judikins Diamond Glaze™ to make the beads so that I can skip this step because the excess glaze that seeps out coats the outside of the bead when I rub it in along the edges.