

Bead Patterns

Primary Objectives

- 7a. Uses fingers and hands
- 23. Demonstrates knowledge of patterns

Why It's Important

Exploring the different shapes, colors, and sizes of beads provides a great opportunity for your child to learn about patterns and build important fine-motor skills. She may enjoy forming her own original creative patterns.

Materials

Beads of various colors; shapes; and sizes; sturdy string or yarn

What You Do

1. Create a simple bead pattern to use as an example that you can share with your child.
2. Show your child the different beads that are available for her to use to make a pattern.
3. Discuss the features of the different types of beads. *This bead is blue, and it is also in the shape of a heart. What do you notice about the bead you are holding?*
4. Share your bead pattern with her and read the pattern together. *I made a pattern with red and green beads. It is red, green, red, green, red, green, red, green.*
5. Invite your child to create her own pattern by stringing the beads.
6. As she strings the beads, make observations about what she is creating. *I see red, yellow, and green beads on your string. When she is finished, ask her to tell you about the pattern she created.*
7. Display her finished pattern, and encourage her to read the pattern to others.
8. Continue the activity for as long as she is interested. Encourage her to create different types of patterns.