

As soon as your toddler can thread small objects onto string, she will really enjoy making necklaces. You can use beads, cut up straws or cereal rings. Turn over to find out how to make painted pasta necklaces.

• First, squeeze different coloured paint into plastic cups and put some pasta in each cup. Stir the pasta around, then remove it with a spoon and put it on some kitchen paper to dry.

• Once the pasta is dry, cut a piece of string long enough to make a necklace, then hold one end of the string while your toddler threads the pasta onto the other. Finally, tie the ends of the string together to make the necklace.

Supervise your toddler carefully to make sure none of the pasta ends up in her mouth.

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