

MARITIME BEAD ART

Parent or adult supervision is recommended.

Creating bead art is easy! Colorful beads can be used to create delightful fish, hearts, turtles, and other fun shapes that remind us of the seaside. You only need beads, a shape, and craft glue that can be purchased at a craft store or online. We do recommend a few items because they work well such as **Aleene's Original Tacky Glue** that holds the beads in place, and **Perler** craft beads because they are made with nontoxic colors. The shapes can be found online, or you can use cardboard or chipboard or even pieces of wood that you may have at home.



Rules: Be yourself, Respect your materials, Help clean up, Have fun!

Supplies: Beads, Shape, Glue, Pencil

Always remember that when you make art that you are the one to make decisions on how you want your art to be. It is your art, after all.

DIRECTIONS: Cover your shape with a thick layer of glue that turns the shape completely white. Place your beads in the shape in any way you like. You can even create a scene by drawing on the shape first and then filling in one section at a time with glue then beads and then move on to the next section. When you make your design, think of things you have seen at the beach or things from your home that you would share with someone who lives at the beach. The shape can be as large as you like as long as you have enough beads to cover it. You could even leave some spaces free of beads and color them with markers or paint.

