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## Jewelry Making with Hillary

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### Topics

Teach kids to make necklaces or bracelets

### Lesson Ideas

Lesson Title

Jewelry Making

Duration

1 hour

Lesson Plan

#### 1. Introduction (5 minutes)

- Briefly introduce jewelry-making, discussing the different types of jewelry like necklaces and bracelets.
- Show examples of simple handmade jewelry.

#### 2. Materials Exploration (10 minutes)

- Allow students to explore and handle different materials available: beads, strings, charms, and clasps.
- Discuss the importance of selecting materials that complement each other.

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## 3. Design Planning (10 minutes)

- Have students sketch a simple design of their necklace or bracelet on paper.
- Encourage creativity and offer guidance on patterns and color choices.

## 4. Creation Process (25 minutes)

- Demonstrate how to start a necklace or bracelet by tying a knot at the end of the string.
- Show students how to thread beads onto the string and how to use clasps.
- Allow students to work independently or in pairs to create their jewelry, providing help as needed.

## 5. Show and Tell (5 minutes)

- Have students present their jewelry to the class.
- Encourage them to explain their design choices and the process they went through.

## 6. Cleanup (5 minutes)

- Assist students in cleaning up their work area and storing any unused materials.

## Materials List

- Assorted beads (various shapes, colors, sizes)
- Elastic strings or cords
- Jewelry clasps
- Charms and pendants
- Scissors
- Small design paper and pencils

## Adaptations for Different Ages

- For younger children: Simplify the design process by pre-selecting color themes and bead combinations. Consider using larger beads for easier handling.
- For older children: Introduce more advanced techniques such as wirework or incorporating different types of knots.

## Movement Break

- "Follow the Leader" Jewelry-Themed Movement (5 minutes): Have students stand and follow leader movements inspired by jewelry crafting, like "stringing" arm movements, "bead picking" reaching motions, and "stretching elastic" full-body stretches.

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## Bonus Activities

- Creative Storytelling: Ask students to create a short story about the meaning or inspiration behind their jewelry piece.
- Jewelry Display: Organize a small exhibit where students can display their jewelry, inviting other classes or parents to view their creations.

## Series Outline

### **\*\*Week 1: Introduction to Jewelry Making\*\***

- Discuss the history of jewelry and its cultural significance.
- Introduce different materials and tools used in jewelry making.
- Design and create simple paper bead necklaces.

### **\*\*Week 2: Basic Stringing Techniques\*\***

- Demonstrate how to string beads onto elastic thread.
- Create a basic bead bracelet using different bead sizes and colors.
- Practice knotting techniques to secure jewelry pieces.

### **\*\*Week 3: Incorporating Patterns and Colors\*\***

- Teach kids about color theory and how to create visually appealing patterns.
- Design and create a patterned bracelet or necklace.
- Use felt or wooden beads to explore different textures.

### **\*\*Week 4: Introduction to Clasps and Findings\*\***

- Explain how to use clasps and findings to finish jewelry pieces.
- Practice attaching lobster clasps or toggle clasps to necklaces.
- Create a beaded necklace with a secure clasp.

### **\*\*Week 5: Wire Wrapping Techniques\*\***

- Introduce basic wire wrapping skills.
- Create simple wire-wrapped charms or pendants.
- Design and make a necklace or bracelet incorporating wire elements.

### **\*\*Week 6: Beading with Looms\*\***

- Demonstrate how to set up a bead loom and create simple patterns.
- Create a beaded bracelet using the loom.

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- Experiment with different bead sizes and patterns.

## **\*\*Week 7: Exploring Natural Materials\*\***

- Explore the use of natural materials, such as shells and stones.
- Create a piece of jewelry with a nature theme.
- Discuss sustainability and the environmental impact of using natural materials.

## **\*\*Week 8: Personalization and Stamping\*\***

- Introduce metal stamping and personalization techniques.
- Create a stamped pendant or bracelet with kids' names or inspirational words.
- Encourage creativity in designing personalized jewelry.

## **\*\*Week 9: Collaborative Jewelry Project\*\***

- Divide kids into groups to design and create a collaborative jewelry collection.
- Discuss the importance of teamwork and collaboration in design.
- Present finished pieces to the class and share insights gained from the process.

## **\*\*Week 10: Jewelry Display and Reflection\*\***

- Set up a mini-exhibition to display the jewelry pieces created over the course.
- Reflect on skills acquired and personal achievements in jewelry making.
- Discuss potential career paths and hobbies related to jewelry design and craftsmanship.

For additional support, reference this [experience outline template](#) which includes tips and prompts to help you develop and lead an excellent Grasshopper Kids experience.

*Note: This lesson plan outline was drafted by Hopper. If you would like to see different results, you can [submit another idea](#), or text us with feedback so we can work to make the algorithm better. We built this tool to help save you time in bringing more kids enrichment experience ideas to life!*

