

The Beadery® Ornamental Indian Corn

Decorate your home this fall with this easy-to-make project using pony beads in autumn colors to make bunches of ornamental corn to decorate with year after year. Our Beaded Banner bead selection has a good assortment of fall colors. See some color combination suggestions below.

Materials needed:

441	6x9 mm Barrel Pony Beads	Fall Colors
3	8" x 1" (20 x 2.5 cm) foam poles	White
1	12" Chenille Stems	Any color
5.75 yd (5.25 m)	2½" (6.3 cm) Paper Ribbon	
9 yd (8.1 m)	Raffia	Fall Colors
24" (61 cm)	Yarn	Brown



Other items and tools needed:

Scissors, Hot Glue Gun, Serrated Knife, Ruler

Notes & Tips:

- You will need 147 barrel beads for each ear, so have fun making mixes of 3 to 4 colors. Try reds & black, golds & browns, black & white or get creative and add some pinks & blues. See some color combinations that we think work well together below.
- The foam poles, raffia and paper ribbon can be found at your favorite craft store.
- Try using recycled brown paper bags instead of the paper ribbon. Just cut them to the required size but be sure to check for any printing.
- The colors of the foam poles and chenille do not matter. The pole will be covered completely, and the chenille is only used to align the beads until they are glued.

Here are a few color combinations that we think work well together. Just mix the colors before stringing them on the chenille to get a natural random effect.



099 – Rust
196 – Cinnabar
496 – Mustard
504 – Butternut

040 – Cranberry
056 – Chocolate
098 – Burgundy



041 – Tiger Eye
058 – Ivory
099 – Rust
107 – Khaki

Instructions:

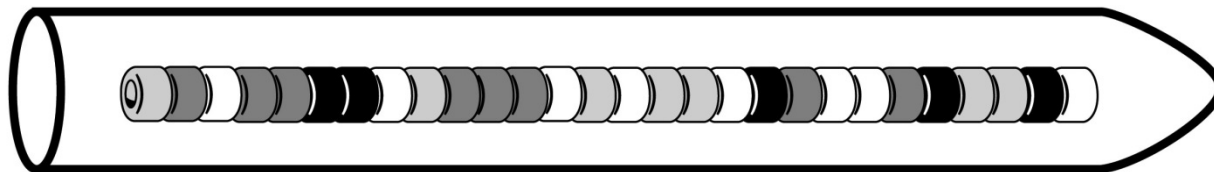
Step 1: Use a serrated knife to trim one end of a foam pole to a tapered point.



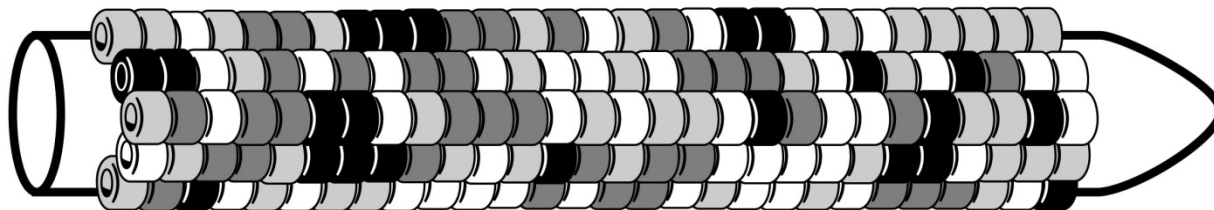
Step 2: String 28 barrel beads in assorted colors onto a chenille stem.



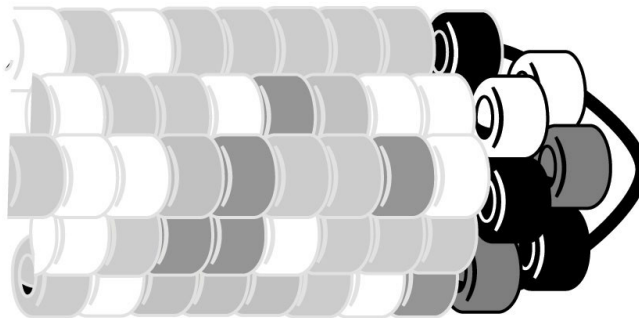
Step 3: Run a straight line of hot glue down the side of the pole. Glue the row of beads onto the pole. Pull the chenille out when the hot glue has set.



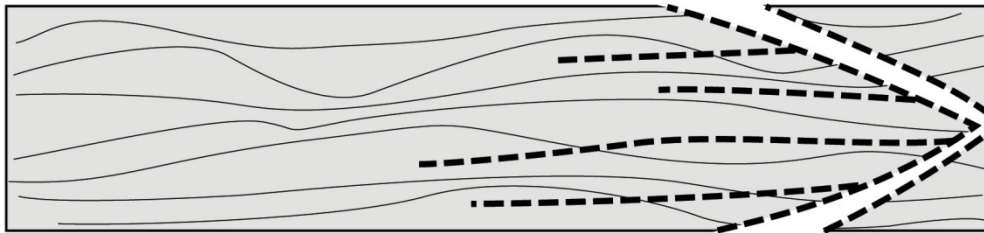
Step 4: Repeat Steps 2-3 four more times making five side by side rows of beads.



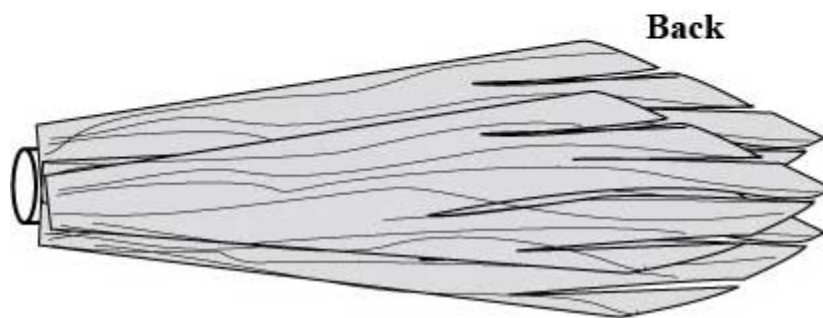
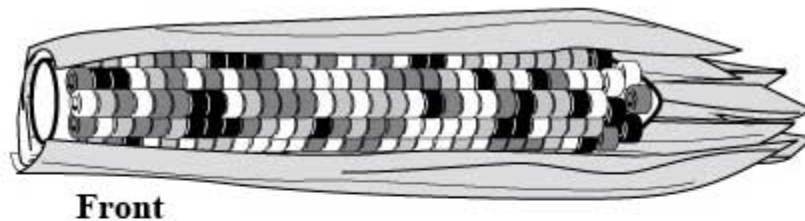
Step 5: Glue seven barrel pony beads to cover the tapered end of the pole.



Step 6: Cut three 11" (28 cm) pieces of paper ribbon. Cut one end of each ribbon to a taper as shown and slit the tapered end of each ribbon several times.



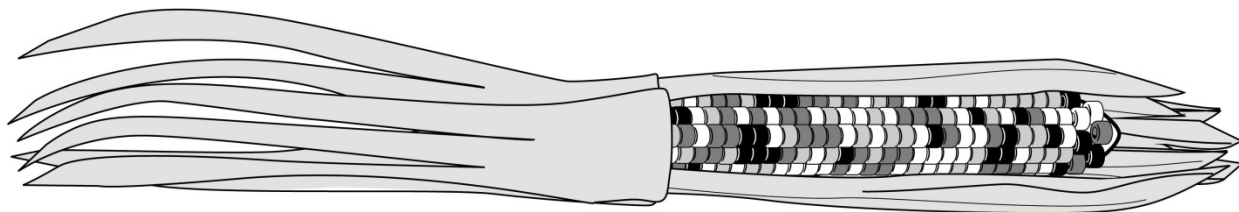
Step 7: Glue the three pieces of paper ribbon to the back and sides of the pole, hiding the pole and leaving most of the beads uncovered.



Step 8: Cut three 12" (30.5 cm) pieces of paper ribbon. Glue only the tops of these ribbons to the end of the pole away from the point, one ribbon goes in front over the beads, and the other two ribbons spaced evenly around the sides.

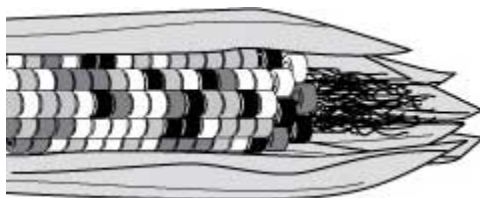


Step 9: Fold the three 12" (30.5 cm) pieces of ribbon back over the top of the pole. Taper and slit the ribbon ends.



Step 10: Repeat Steps 1-9 to make two more ears with different color combinations.

Step 11: Cut and glue four 2" (5 cm) pieces of yarn to the tapered end of each pole. Unravel the loose ends of the yarn to simulate corn silk.



Step 12: Cut six 1.5 yd (135 cm) lengths of raffia strips. Hold them together and tie a bow around the three ears to hold the bunch together.

