

The Beadery® Indian Corn

Decorate your home this fall with this easy-to-make project using pony beads in autumn colors to make bunches of Indian Corn.

Our Earthtone Bead Extravaganza Bead Box **6261** has a good assortment of autumn colors and will give you enough beads to make approximately 12 ears.

Materials needed:

441	6x9 mm Barrel Pony Beads	Fall Earthtones
3	8"x1" (20x25 cm) foam poles	White
1	12" Chenille Stems	
5.75 yd (5.25 m)	2½" (6.3 cm) Paper Ribbon	
9 yd (8.1 m)	Raffia	Autumn 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.
- 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.

Instructions:

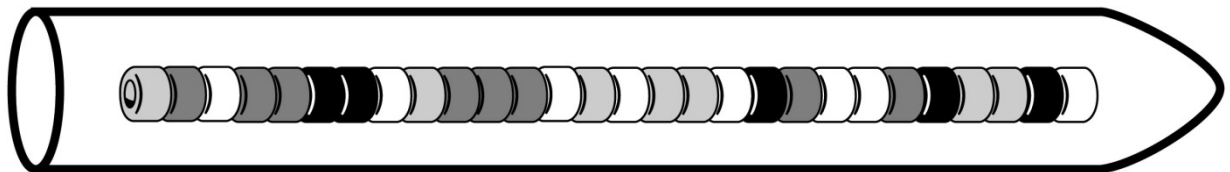
Step 1: Use a serrated knife to trim one end of a foam pole to a tapered point.



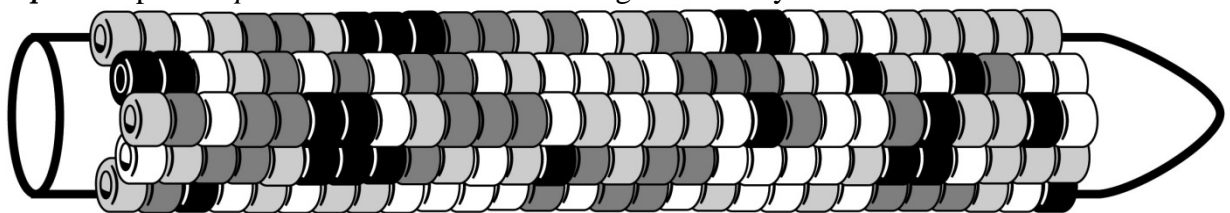
Step 2: String 28 barrel beads in assorted colors onto a chenille stem.



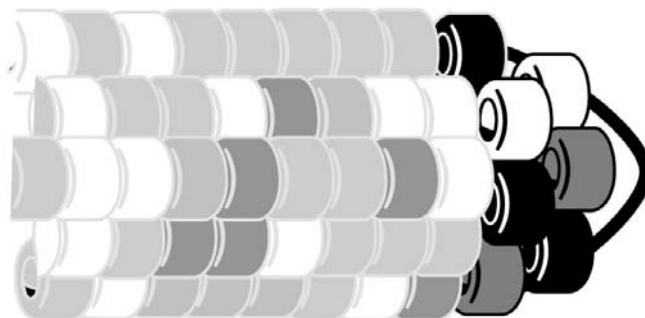
Step 3: Run a straight line of hot glue down the side of the pole. Glue the row of beads onto the pole. Pull the chenille out when the hot glue has set.



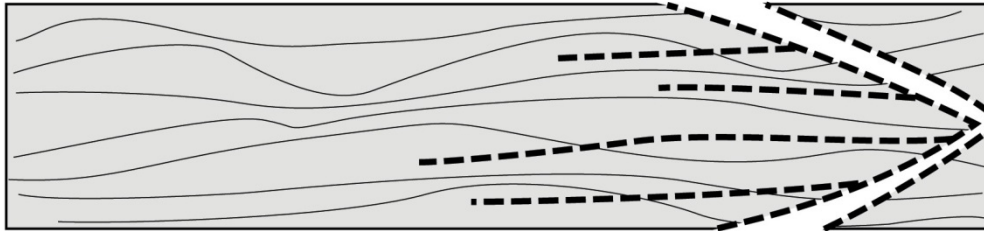
Step 4: Repeat Steps 2-3 four more times making five side by side rows of beads.



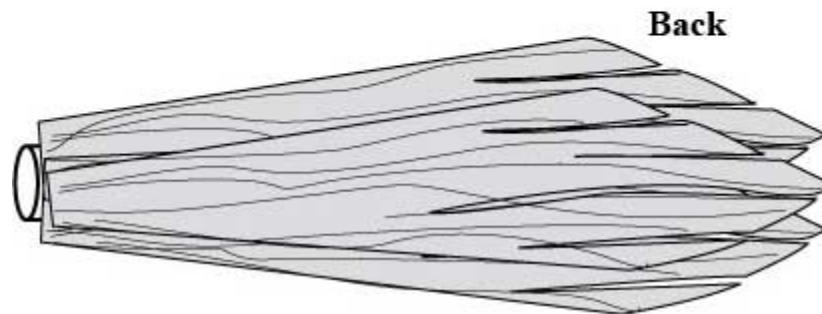
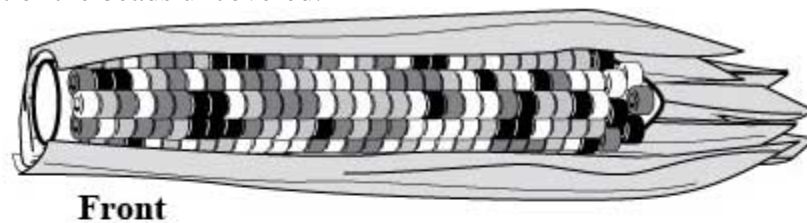
Step 5: Glue seven barrel pony beads to cover the tapered end of the pole.



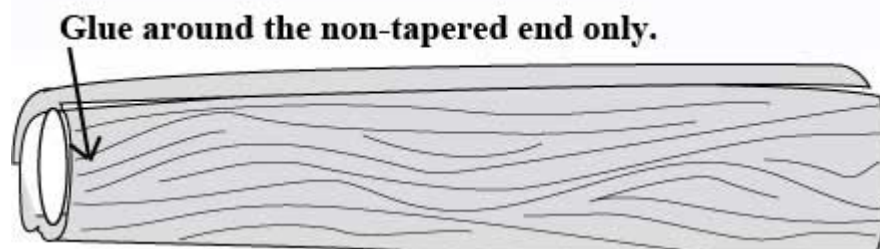
Step 6: Cut three 11" (28 cm) pieces of paper ribbon. Cut one end of each ribbon to a taper as shown and slit the tapered end of each ribbon several times.



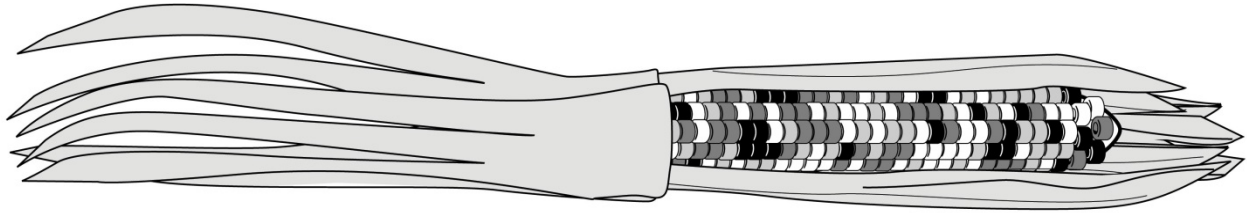
Step 7: Glue the three pieces of paper ribbon to the back and sides of the pole, hiding the pole and leaving most of the beads uncovered.



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.

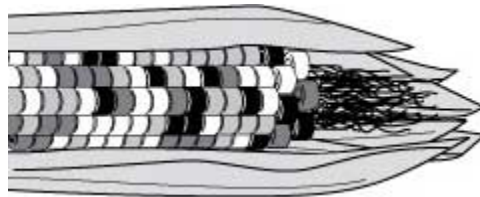


Step 9: Fold the three 12" (30.5 cm) pieces of ribbon back over the top of the pole. Taper and slit the ribbon ends.



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.

