



MAKE YOUR OWN CHARMS AT HOME

This year we are being creative and crafty from your home, so we adapted this craft to include from items that you likely already have lying around the house. Gather up your household items and learn how to make your own charms using just a paper clip!

This tutorial is best for older kids and adults since paper clips can be sharp, but you kids can have fun choosing items to become charms (under the supervision of a parent or guardian).

SUPPLIES:

- Paper Clips
- Needle-nose Pliers
- Tacky Glue (for all ages) or E6000 (adults ONLY)
- Scissors
- Bits of fabric
- Items to turn into your charms

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Bend paper clip to create a straight line
- 2) Pinch paper clip end into pliers and loosely twist paper clip around nose of pliers (twice), then carefully remove paper clip from pliers by pulling off end.



- 3) Using pliers or fingers, press into a flat spiral – this will be where you will add your charm.



- 4) Take the opposite end of the paper clip and bend it a few times more tightly to create your loop – this is where you can thread your necklace, string or rope through.



- 5) Twist the loop and the spiral so that the spiral is flat and the loop sticks out. You have just made your own **JEWELRY BALL!**



- 6) Apply glue to the spiral and attach your item to make your charm! After applying glue, let the charm set and dry.



- 7) For these charms (below) our Team used a foam sticker of a boot, a shell, a polished stone and sea glass.



- 8) (OPTIONAL) Put a small piece of fabric to cover the spiral and make it softer of your skin.



- 9) Put your creation on a chain and you are ready to wear it out!

