Making beads from Kombucha or paper (The Edge, State Library of QLD)

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Regular bead   Long bead   Tapered bead   Bead with eye pin
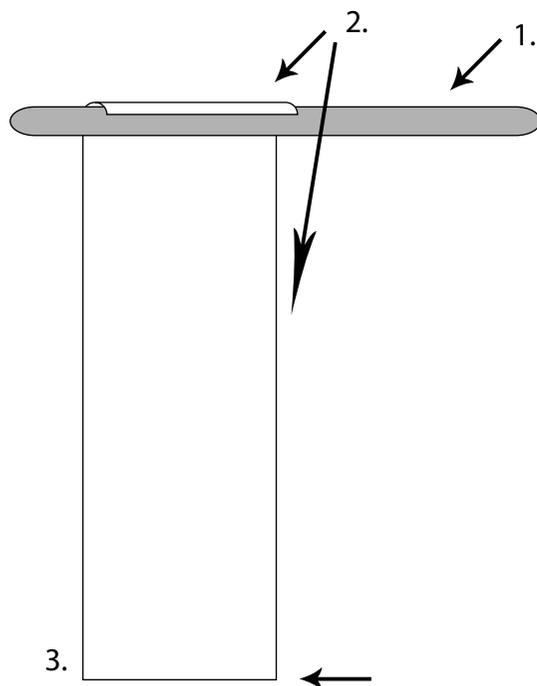
1. Your roll stick determines the width of your threading hole. The threading hole should be similar size to what you'll be threading the bead onto. Roll the strip tight but loose enough at the beginning to slide out your roll stick.

2. Apply a thin layer of glue at the beginning and end points and along the strip as you go. It is ideal to glue all the way to the edge but if you find that too difficult a little in the centre will do until the last section of the bead.

3. If you want to decorate your beads, apply your details at the end of the strip as that part will be the only side that will show.

4. Coat the bead with some sealant and stand to dry. A clear varnish that hardens is best, PVA glue/beeswax can also be used.
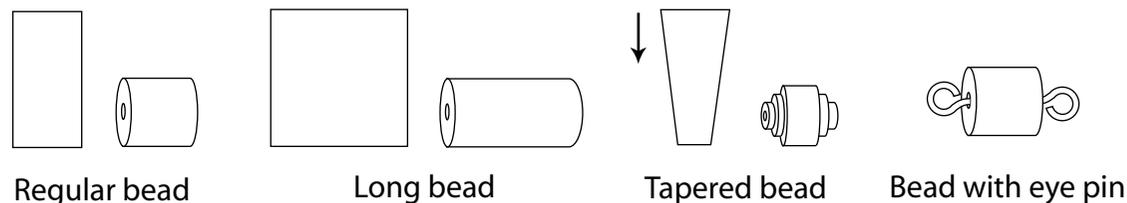
To form a standard 1cm bead with eye pin:

1/ Cut a 3.2-3.5cm piece of wire and form one end into an end loop *(see below)*
2/ Cut a 1cm wide length of material (kombucha/paper), you will need a length of approx 60cm depending on the thickness of your material. You may need/ want to join smaller pieces together. Refer to the instructions on the *left* regarding how to make a bead
3/ Thread your bead onto the wire
4/ Close the open end of the wire with another end loop

Creating an end loop
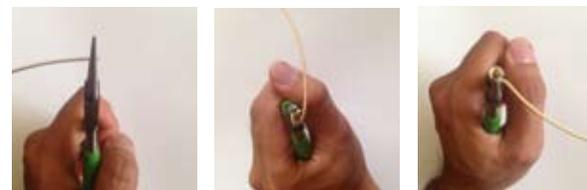
3.2cm & 3.5cm

- Use Round nosed pliers to twist the end into a loop
- Bend loop back the other way to centre it
(If you need the loop to sit in a different direction use flat nosed pliers to twist)

Creating jump rings

- Wrap wire around a mandrel (or any round object)
- Cut the ring off the spiral where the jump ring end is
- Use flat nosed pliers to bend into a flat ring