

Making a Beaded Rosary A Meaningful Craft for the Whole Class!

When you teach your students how to pray the Rosary, begin by letting them build their own! These simple, beaded Rosaries are easy and inexpensive to make, and they will stand up to repeated use.



Materials:

- String or cord: 36 inches per student (Something that doesn't unravel easily works best for threading the beads. Tape can be used to hold the ends together if needed)
- 59 round beads, 6 larger beads
- White glue, glue dots, or a hot glue gun

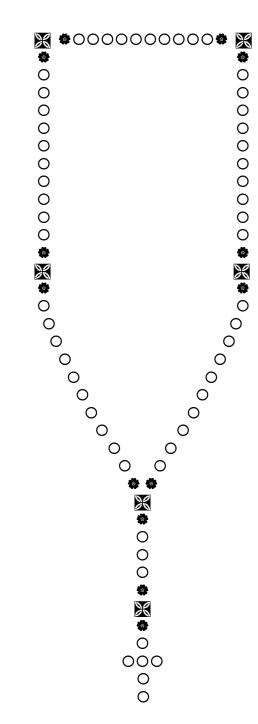
Directions:

1. Form a beaded cross at the end of the piece of string (Glue three beads together as shown, string additional beads as shown, tie off)

- 2. String beads and tie knots on the rest of the string as needed (see diagram).
- 3. Tie the end of the string back to itself between the 2nd Our Father Bead and the first decade of Hail Mary beads.
- 4. Trim off excess string, and begin to pray!

October is the Month of the Rosary, but there is never a time when we can't call on Mary for her love, compassion, and intercession. Teach your students to pray the Rosary today!

Rosary Diagram:



○ = Hail Mary Bead■ Our Father Bead

= Knot