**RECYCLED PLASTIC BEADS**

Take your old plastic containers and turn them into beautiful beads that you wear using heat.

**STEP 1:**

- Cut the top and the bottom off the plastic bottle leaving just the center section
- Cut the middle section down the middle
- Cut a plastic bottles into strips (experiment with length and width)
- Color one side of plastic with permanent marker.
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STEP 2:

- Wrap the plastic into a tight coil with pliers
- Use the pliers to hold it securely.
- Wrap it with the inked side facing inwards.
- Heat it for about 20 seconds.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Plastic bottles are thermoplastic, which means they keep their plastic properties when heated. They will melt when heated allowing them to be molded into different shapes and then will harden again once cooled. Keep a window open or the area vented whenever you are heating plastics.