Gladstone Regional Library MakerTime

What is a MakerSpace?
A MakerSpace is a collaborative workspace used for making, learning, exploring and sharing ideas that uses high-tech (e.g. 3D Printing) to no-tech tools (e.g. Knitting).

What is MakerTime?
MakerTime sessions are creative sessions aimed at teaching or providing a chance to practice new arts, crafts, science and technology.

Some MakerTime sessions previously run include:
- Quilling
- Jam making
- Galaxy Pendants
- Spool Knitting
- Squishy Circuits
- Sewing
- Embroidery
- Paper Pot creation
- Papercraft
- Robotics
- Macramé and
- 3D Printed Christmas Decorations

Information Handouts:
This range of information handouts have been created as a beginner's guide to a variety of self-paced activities. There are a large variety of resources readily available both in library and online for guidance and ideas.

Further Reading and References

The following resources contain more information about the topic:

1. *Wholesale beads and findings* (no date) *PandaHall.com*. Available at: https://www.pandahall.com/ (Accessed: May 2, 2023).
2. Daily, B. (no date) *Beading daily publishes 7 free peyote stitch patterns and Guide to Peyote Stitch Beading*, *PRLog*. Available at: https://www.prlog.org/11872872-beading-daily-publishes-7-free-peyote-stitch-patterns-and-guide-to-peyote-stitch-beading.html (Accessed: May 2, 2023).
3. Vowles, D. (2013) *Beading: A beginner's step-by-step guide to beading techniques*. East Petersburg, PA: Design Originals.
4. Shippee, M. (2019) *Beautiful beadwork from nature: 16 stunning jewelry projects inspired by*

Boyne Island Library hosts a dedicated MakerSpace however MakerTime sessions are available at all branches region wide including:

- Agnes Water Library
- Boyne Island Library
- Calliope Library
- Gladstone City Library
- Miriam Vale Library
- Mount Larcom Library

For more information visit:
www.gladstonelibraries.qld.gov.au

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MakerSpace DIY Collection

Beaded Jewellery

Image: Handmade Beaded Bracelet
Source: Miraim Alonso

Basic Beaded Jewellery Making

Beaded jewellery has been made for thousands of years as a means for people to express their individuality and taste.

Tools:
- Beads (variety of sizes)
- Invisible/Beading tread or thin wire
- Earing hoops
- Necklace/bracelet fasteners e.g. parrot clasps
- Wire Cutters (optional)
- Needle (optional)
- Grid paper for planning designs (optional)

How to Start (Earrings):
1. Following the pattern on the right thread beads to a suitable length.
2. Before tying off the end thread the loop of the earing hook through.

How to Start (Bracelet/Necklace):
1. A simple threading of beads in a pattern and then attaching fastening to each end will create a bracelet or necklace
2. Or, if using the same pattern as earrings, stop after the middle bead is added and add fastenings to the wire.

How to Start (Ring):
1. Following the pattern below, thread beads to a suitable length.

Note: if a stretchable thread is used it makes sizing a little more forgiving.