

JEWELLERY MAKING

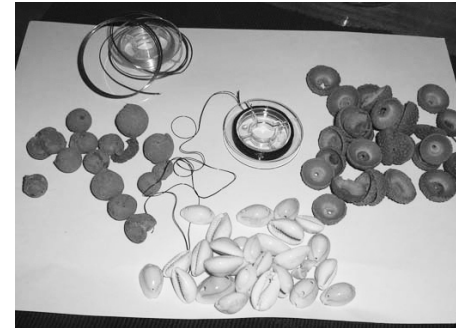
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People make jewellery out of natural materials, such as seeds, beans, bones, feathers and shells.

Today some of the decorations are made from plastic beads.

For this activity, you may like to use colours that match the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

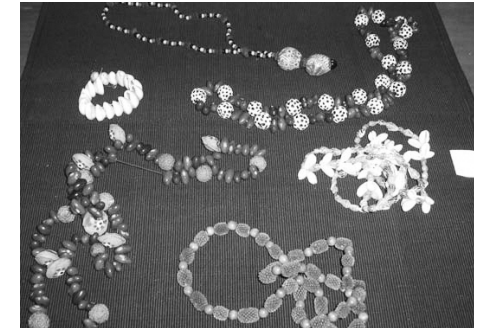


Collect the materials needed. Some may need small holes pierced in them so they can be threaded.



Encourage children to be creative by making a pattern with their natural resources as they thread the wire or string through the pieces.

Use long thread for necklaces, short thread for bracelets and anklets.



Many patterns and designs can be made using the natural materials of the bush.

Children can learn to mix and match, plain beads can be painted.

WHAT YOU NEED

- A collection of beads in the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, earthy colour beads, seeds and shells - even pasta shells
- Thin elastic, string or wire
- Paint - optional

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