

Beaded Cross Hanging



Note: When you're making this you'll find it "hangs funny" and you'll worry that it isn't going to work, but once you hang it up against a wall or refrigerator, it will hang like the one in the photo above (it just needs a solid surface and a bit of gravity to straighten it out).

Using regular pony beads, it's about as long as a pencil when it's complete.

Materials:

- straw
- string, wool or ribbon
- pony beads -- any colors will do. I used:
 - 94 yellow
 - 22 purple
 - 4 mauve

- scissors

Instructions:

- print out the template (it includes most of the directions on this page along with the pattern for how to make this project)

- Cut 4 strings 1.5 to 2 feet long

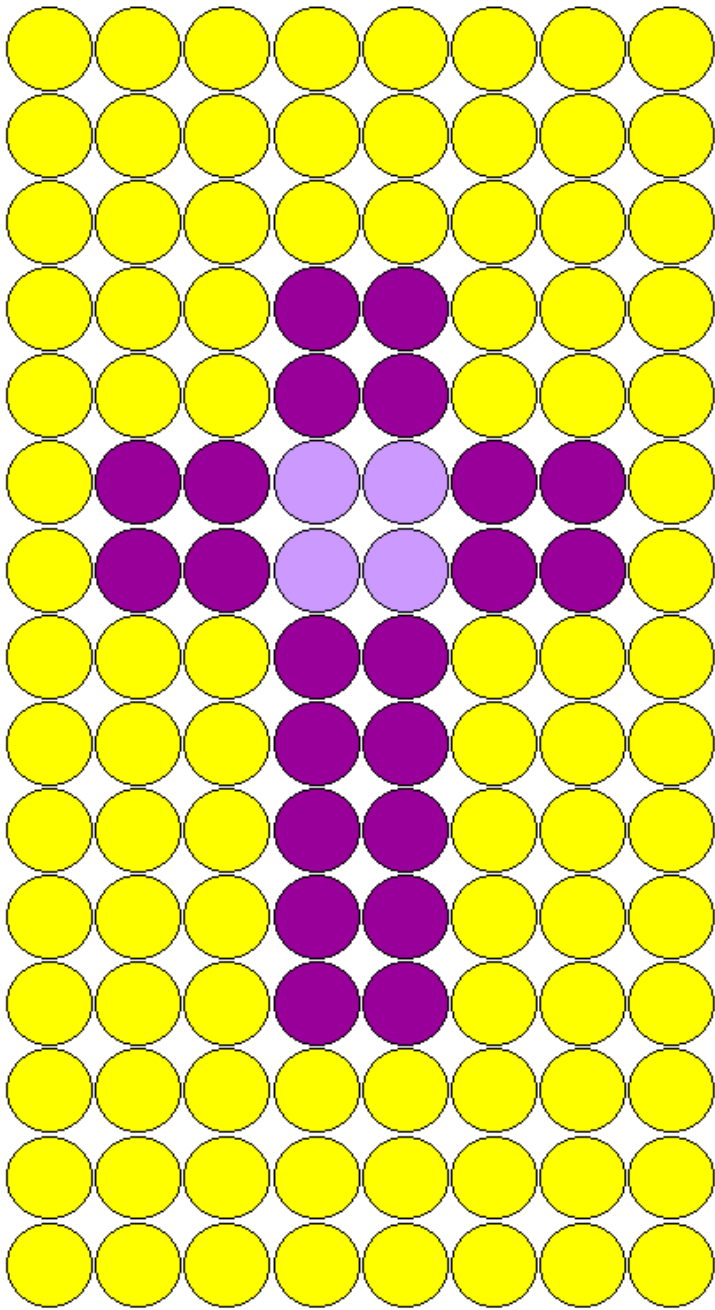
- Make a slip knot in the center of each string

- Slip the knot over the straw

- Put 15 yellow beads on the first strand of string. Tie the last bead tightly onto the string.
 - string 2 and 3: 5 yellow, 2 purple, 8 yellow. Tie the last bead tightly
 - string 4 and 5: 3 yellow, 2 purple, 2 mauve, 5 purple, 3 yellow. Tie the last bead tightly.
 - string 6 and 7: 5 yellow, 2 purple, 8 yellow. Tie the last bead tightly.
 - string 8: 15 yellow. Tie the last bead tightly.
- Optional: thread the pipe cleaner through all the bottom beads. I find this helps keep the project hanging nicely.
- Thread a string through the straw and tie in a loop to hang.
- Trim the leftover strings

Printing the Template:

- Close the template window after printing to return to this screen.
- Set page margins to zero if you have trouble fitting the template on one page (FILE, PAGE SETUP or FILE, PRINTER SETUP in most browsers).



1 row: 15 yellow

2 rows: 5 yellow, 2 purple, 8 yellow

2 rows: 3 yellow, 2 purple, 2 mauve, 5 purple, 3 yellow

2 rows: 5 yellow, 2 purple, 8 yellow

1 row: 15 yellow

