



Making Jewelry

Ages 3 years—4 years

Objective: The child should be able to use fine-motor skills to bead objects and make patterns.

Materials needed:

String

Masking Tape

Fruit loops, Apple jacks, &/OR Cheerios

Procedures:

1. In a bowl, put in one of your choice: Apple Jacks, Fruit Loops, or Cheerios. You can choose to use all three, too.
2. Cut two or three pieces of string in length for a necklace. Measure to fit around your child's neck.
3. Tie a knot at one end of the string about 4 or 5 double-times. You can also put a piece of tape (wrap over and over so the cereal does not fall off) at one end as a "stopper."



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4. While helping and showing to your child how to do it, start beading the cereal pieces to the string. Make patterns with the cereal, such as Apple jacks, Cheerios, AJ, Ch..
5. Continue until you fill up the string with cereal "beads" or until your child shows no further interest. Tie together to put around child's neck.
6. Make multiple pattern cereal necklaces.
7. Let them wear it all day, and/or wear it as their "snack." Tell them they can "eat their necklace" too!

Milestones to meet:

Can the child use fine-motor skills to bead a string?
The child begins to be aware of what a pattern is.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?