

Paint Porcelain Jewelry

GET READY!

Place all materials on a flat protected surface (an ALEX® Drop Cloth or newspaper works well). Fill a cup with water to clean your paintbrush. The brush should be dried with a paper towel after rinsing so that your colors won't mix.

 **WARNING!** The paint is permanent and may stain. Please protect your clothing and work area!

GET SET!

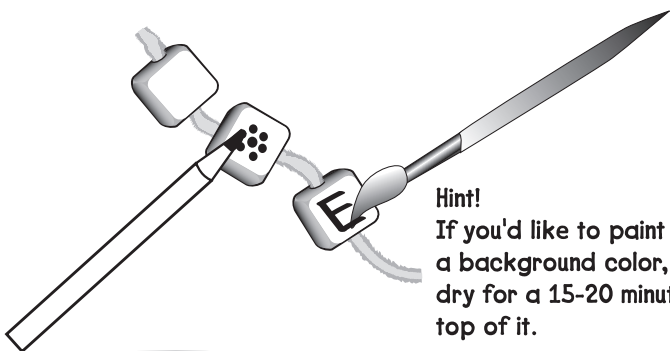
Step One: Sketch

We suggest sketching your ideas for your beads on a separate piece of paper with a pencil before you begin painting. Use the package as a guide, or you can make up your own designs!

Step Two: Paint

String a number of beads onto your pipe cleaner, or use cotton swabs to hold your beads so they are easier to paint. Once you have your designs sketched on the beads it's time to paint. You have six colors to choose from and you can mix colors to create a new shade. Make sure to rinse your brush before using a new color. This will ensure that your colors will be pure and bright.

If you want to change your design, wipe off the paint using a damp tissue before it dries. For more intense colors, let the paint dry for a few minutes, then paint a second coat. Once you have finished, let the beads dry overnight.



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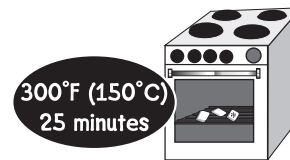
If you'd like to paint one color on top of a background color, let the bottom color dry for a 15-20 minutes before painting on top of it.

Step Three: Bake (optional)

 **WARNING!** Adult Supervision is required to operate an oven!

If you would like to make your designs more durable, you can bake the beads after you have let the paint dry for 24 hours. Remove the beads from the pipe cleaner, and put them on a baking sheet. Bake the beads in the oven at 300°F (150°C) for 25 minutes. You may notice a slight smell while baking, but this is normal, and will disappear quickly.

After 25 minutes, switch off the oven and leave the oven door partly open. Allow the beads to cool for an hour before touching. **DO NOT** remove the beads immediately, as they will be very hot!

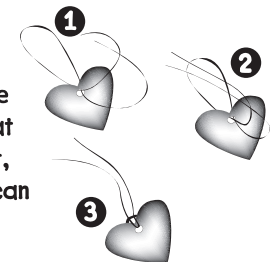


Once the beads have cooled, ask an adult to remove them from the oven.

GO!

When your beads have completely cooled, you are ready to make bracelets and necklaces!

To tie a cord to a pendant, hold the two ends of the cord together to make a loop in the middle. Put that middle loop through the hole in the ceramic pendant, and then put the string through the loop. Now you can tie a pretty pendant around your neck!



To make your bracelets and necklaces, just thread as many ceramic beads onto the cord as you like! You can tie a knot between the beads to space them apart, or thread a glass bead between your ceramic beads!

