

## **BEAD MAKING**

### **Meaning of bead making**

**Beads are little objects with hole between through which strings are passed.** Beads can be made of plastic, wood, metal and other materials. These materials are joined together by running a string through them.

### **Materials for bead making**

1. Beads
2. Roll paper
3. Seeds
4. Straw
5. Little pieces of wood
6. Corks
7. String
8. Scissors

### **Making of beads**

#### **Cork bead**

This can be achieved by getting corks of drinks such as that of Coca-cola, Pepsi cork, Amstel drink cork, and produce a hole through them. This can be done by passing iron nails through their centre

These corks can be interconnected by passing a string through all the holes and tying the ends of the string together.

#### **Paper bead**

Soak shreds of paper for three days. Pound it into pulp. Mix it in starch and mould the shape of your desire. Allow it to dry. Pass a hole through them using a needle. Finally pass string through it and tie up the ends of the string.

**Seed bead:**

This can be achieved by getting small seeds such as that of orange, African star apple, or other small seed, and produce a hole through them. This can be done by passing iron nails through their centre. Finally pass string through it and tie up the ends of the string.

**Straw bead:** This can be achieved by cutting tubes of straw into bits. Finally pass string through it and tie up the ends of the string.

**Wood bead:** This can be achieved by getting little pieces of wood and produce a hole through them. This can be done by passing iron nails through their centre. Finally pass string through it and tie up the ends of the string.

**Uses of beads**

1. It is worn as jewelry on the neck, hands and legs
2. It serves as costume for dancers and actors
3. It can be used to identify royal persons or titled persons.

**Summary**

Beads are little objects with hole between through which strings are passed. Materials for bead making are beads, roll paper, seeds, straw, little pieces of wood, corks. These materials are used for producing various types of beads.

**Review Questions**

1. Explain what beads are
2. List six materials for bead making
3. State three uses of beads