Instructions for a Wooden Bead Coaster

The handicraft material you need for making a wooden bead coaster:

- o 36 round beads (pure, at least a diameter of 15 mm)
- o approx. 1,5 m cord (hemp-coloured PP-polyester cord)

The small tools you need:

- o scissors
- o lighter

Let's Get Crafty!

Step 1: Making the Inner Ring

We're starting with your **home-made wooden bead coaster's core**: the inner ring! Carefully melt the PP-polyester cord's ends with a lighter and roll it flat with your thumb and index finger. This makes stringing the wooden beads easier. Now string up 6 beads and make a tight double knot a few centimetres before one of the cord ends.

Step 2: Starting the Second Row of Beads

String another bead on the long cord end. It will sit directly above another bead. Pass the cord through the bead next to that bead. Add more wooden beads all around so that strung single beads alternate with gaps.

Step 3: Making the First Knot

When you have reached the cord's short end, use it to make a **single knot** on the previous double knot. Carefully shorten the short cord end and **melt** the knot with the lighter.

Step 4: Closing the Second Bead Row's Gaps

Now we want to close the second row's gaps: In order to do that, pass the cord through one of the upper beads. String another wooden bead and pass the cord through the next upper bead. Proceed this way all the way around.

Step 5: Finishing the Second Row of Beads

When you have strung the last bead to close the second row, we recommend passing the cord through the next two wooden beads. This way, your coaster will be more stable.

Step 6: Starting the Third Row of Beads

Let's start with the third and final row of wooden beads: First, string two wooden beads at once. Both of them will be directly above another wooden bead. Second, pass the cord through the bead that is right next to the last mentioned bead.

Step 7: Continuing the Third Row of Beads

Now you can repeat step 6 in a relaxed manner until you're all the way around. The result looks like that: two strung beads alternate with gaps of the size of one single bead.

Step 8: Closing the Third Bead Row's Gaps

Now we want to close the gaps of the third row of beads, similar to step 4: First, we're passing the cord through two upper beads that are next to each other. Second, string another wooden bead and pass the cord through the next two upper beads. Continue until the entire row is complete.

Step 9: Finishing the Wooden Bead Coaster

Now make a tight **double knot**. Shorten it and weld it with the lighter.

Step 10: Turning the Coaster Over

You're done! Now turn your **self-made wooden bead coaster** over. You're now looking at the supporting surface. We hope you'll enjoy your new **chic DIY living accessory**!

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