Instructions for

Wooden Bead

Coasters

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# Decorative Support: A Self-Made Wooden Bead Coaster

Pretty and helpful accessory on your dining table: These **handicraft instructions** show you how to make a **decorative coaster** from raw, untreated **maple wood beads**. This type of wood is particularly robust. Visually, this **wooden bead coaster** is reminiscent of Scandinavian-inspired living trends that represent closeness to nature as well as cosiness.

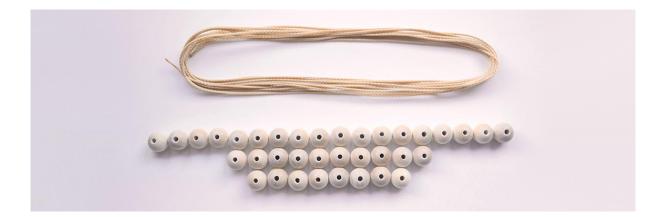
Our variety of **craft materials** offers you various possibilities: In our example we used 36 raw wooden beads with a diameter of 15 mm. The result is a hexagonal coaster with a diameter of approx. 11 cm. You can also use smaller wooden beads. However, these should all be the same size. Otherwise the things you put on it will wobble instead of standing evenly.

For the **cord** we recommend using a cord that will **match the wooden beads' colour** – for instance our hemp-coloured PP-polyester cord. That's because it will be visible between the beads.

The crafting process is a little more complicated. We recommend that you take at least **30 minutes**. Have fun making it!

You don't have that much time or want to do something simpler? Then you could try making a **pacifier chain with name**. You can also find other **handicraft instructions for everyday as well as home decoration accessories**. Have fun discovering them!





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

The small tools you need:





## 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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