

Instructions for an Emergency Chain

The handicraft material you need for making an emergency chain:

- 1 keyring
- motif beads
- letter cubes
- colourful wooden beads
- 2 safety beads
- 1 m cord (PP-polyester cord)

The small tools you need:

- scissors
- lighter
- tweezers

Let's Get Crafty!

Step 1: Experimenting With Beads

Get your craft materials ready. Now you can experiment with the **wooden beads** as you like. Play with the wooden beads' various shapes and colours. In our example, we are making two chains, i.e. two strings of beads: a shorter one with the **child's first name** and a longer one with **your emergency telephone number**. At the end of each bead strand we recommend using a **safety bead**. It has a larger opening in which the knot can disappear.

Tip: How about using a **bead of a different colour** between the phone number's area code and the remaining digits? This way they are visually separated from each other.

Step 2: Attaching the Keyring

Are you happy with your design? Great! We start with the first strand: the **name chain**. Double a sufficiently long piece of PP-polyester cord. Pass the resulting loop through the keyring from behind and then pull it back over the keyring from the front. Doing this creates a knot.

Step 3: Preparing the Stringing

For easier stringing we're using a little trick: Put the two cord ends together so that one of them protrudes about 2 centimetres. Now **melt** both ends slightly with a lighter. Use your fingers or tweezers to press the lower cord end slightly against the protruding one. This way you can string the wooden beads onto the double cord more easily thanks to the protruding end.

Step 4: Stringing the Beads

Let's string the name chain. It is recommended not to string the security bead yet. Because there's a little trick to making it fit tighter. To do this, pull the two cord ends apart again and make a **simple knot** on the wooden bead that is in front of the safety bead.

Step 5: Making the Bead Strand's Final Knot

With some force, pull the safety bead with its smaller opening first over the simple knot. Make a very tight **double knot** behind it.

Carefully cut off both cord ends. Weld the knot with the lighter and press it together with your fingers. Press the welded double knot into the safety bead's hole by using **tweezers**.

Step 6: Making the Second Bead Strand

This step is easy, because you already know how to do it: For making the second bead strand for the chain with your telephone number, simply repeat steps 2 to 5.

That's it. Just look at your finished **pretty emergency chain**. Hopefully it will comfort you a little bit while being a decorative accessory for your child.

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