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Key Chains

Practical and Fashionable: A Self-Made Key Chain With Name

A **key chain made of colourful wooden beads** complements your single key or bunch of keys wonderfully. On the one hand it is just very decorative. On the other hand, you can use **letter cubes** to feature whatever word you want: Should it be the room's name for the matching key? Maybe you want to use the name of the key's owner? Or do you want to use a **motif bead** that describes figuratively without words what the key belongs to (for example a car motif bead)? It's your choice!

These **handicraft instructions** for making a **key chain with name** is perfect for beginners. In only about **15 minutes** you are done with this small, personal DIY project. Would you like to make a similarly fast handicraft work? Then we recommend making a **pacifier chain with name**. Also discover our other **handicraft instructions for home accessories and for everyday use**. We hope you'll enjoy crafting your own ideas!

The handicraft material you need for making a key chain with name:



- 1 keyring
- 1 m cord (PP-polyester cord)
- motif bead(s)
- colourful wooden beads
- 2 safety beads
- o letter cubes for the desired (room) name

The small tools you need:



Let's Get Crafty!

Step 1: Experimenting With Beads



Now that your craft materials are in front of you, you can get creative. Arrange the beads for your key chain's bead strand(s).

The easiest way to do this is starting with the **letter cubes** and adding the wooden beads afterwards. At each bead strand's end we recommend using a **safety bead**, as the respective knot can disappear in it.

Tip: Long words can simply be divided in two and represented by two bead strands of pearls (for example as "CHILDREN'S" and "ROOM").

Step 2: Attaching the Keyring



If you like your **key chain design**, it's time to attach they keyring: For the **first bead strand**, double a 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**.



For the beads' easier stringing, we recommend 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 Wooden Beads



Now let's **string** the first strand's beads: 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: Finishing the Bead Strand



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**.



If you have planned a **second bead strand**, simply repeat steps 2 to 5.

You're done! Enjoy your **self-made, individual key chain's beautiful sight** every day. Hopefully it will help you to always have the right key at hand in your daily hustle and bustle.



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