

# Instructions for a Buggy Chain

The handicraft material you need for making a buggy chain:

- 2 pacifier clips
- motif beads
- 2 wooden rings (6,5 cm)
- 2 wooden rings, size mini
- little bells (15 mm)
- 2 m cord (PP-Polyester)
- letter cubes
- colourful wooden beads

The small tools you need:

- scissors
- lighter
- ruler

## Let's Get Crafty!

### Step 1: Experimenting With Beads and Rings

Your preferred **handicraft material** is right in front of you? Great! Let's start: Arrange the beads for your stroller chain. Try out different variations until you're happy with your **pram chain's design**. If you have trouble arranging so many wooden beads, you can make a sketch as well. After all, it is awkward to make changes during or after the handicraft work. Please note that during and after making the buggy chain, changes are hardly possible.

**An important note before crafting:** Please work carefully and properly. Check each knot several times. A loose knot bears the danger of small parts being swallowed!

Please also note that it is important to know the **buggy hood's width** on which you want to attach your self-made buggy chain. Your pram chain should be slightly longer than the hood so that it will hang nicely.

## Step 2: Attaching the Pacifier Clip

Double the **PP-polyester cord** so that it's slightly longer than your planned buggy chain. From below, pass the cord loop through the clip's eyelet. Then string the **pacifier clip** through the loop and tighten the resulting knot.

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 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 3: Stringing the First Beads as well as the First Ring

According to your personal taste, string all **round beads** as well as **lenses** that you want to be before the first motif bead. Now you should also add the first **small wooden ring** by pulling it over the bead string, because it does not fit over most motif beads.

## Step 4: Making the Middle Part

Now it's time to play with different shapes, turning your **stroller chain** into something special and exciting: String the horizontal string's remaining **wooden beads, motif beads** as well as **letter cubes**. Also don't forget to add the second small ring.

Before attaching the second **pacifier clip** in the next step, you should check whether you like your **pram chain** this way. Hold the buggy chain to the buggy's hood to check if the length is sufficient.

## Step 5: Attaching the Second Pacifier Clip

Pull the cord taut and make a **simple** knot. String the **dummy clip** via the metal eyelet and attach it with a double knot. Weld the knot with the lighter. Please **check** the knot for tensile strength.

## Step 6: Preparing the First Dangling Strand

Add the first dangling strand wherever you want. To do this, take a piece of cord twice the length of the desired length. Fasten this piece of cord in the middle with a simple knot between two beads, so that the ends are equally long. Now carefully weld both cord ends together. This makes stringing the beads easier.

### Step 7: Stringing the First Dangling Strand's Beads

Now string the dangling strand's first beads. You can also add a wooden ring of any size.

### Step 8: Finishing the First Dangling Strand

String the **wooden beads** that are placed within the wooden ring. Since the beads are of different sizes, you should test first how many beads you need by laying them down: The inner ring in our example (size M) has a **diameter of 42 mm**.

Now we're attaching the **little bell** at the dangling strand's end: First make a **half knot**. String the bell and attach it with a double knot. Carefully shorten both ends of the **PP-polyester cord** with scissors until just before the knot. Also carefully melt the ends with the lighter and fuse them to the knot by pressing them together with your fingers.

Welding the knot properly and conscientiously is very important. That's the only way it won't come undone!

In case you do not want to add a bell at the dangling strand's end, we recommend using a **safety bead** instead. If you string the safety bead with the larger hole pointing outward, you can easily hide the knot inside of it. To do this, make a simple knot with both cord ends after the last wooden bead. String the safety bead. Push the it with its smaller opening first over the knot. This hidden knot tightens the dangling strand. Now **double knot** the end of the cord and weld it. With the help of tweezers you can easily push the knot into the safety bead, thus hiding it.

### Step 9: Making the Second Dangling Strand

All good things come in ...**twos**: Make a second dangling strand for your baby just as described in steps 6 to 8

Your **personal buggy chain** is ready. We hope your child and you will enjoy it during all of your trips!

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