


Programming Ideas - Cultural Activities

Activity Name	Egyptian Paper Beads
Country/Culture/Language/Religion	Egyptian
Special Comments	Suitable for age 5+ Information sourced from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terzian (1993) The Kids Multicultural Art Book Williamson Publishing, Vermont USA
	
Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide varied experiences • To explore cultural diversity • To discover various ways of doing things
Developmental Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive • Social • Language • Emotional • Fine Motor • Gross Motor
Safety Aspects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asses children's skills with scissors before offering the activity • Use safety scissors if appropriate
Required Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scissors, glue • Magazines or coloured paper • String or wool, necklace length • Pen/ pencil

<p>Method</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cut strips of paper from magazines 3cm in width.• Run a thin line of glue along one side of the paper.• Wrap one end of the paper (dry-side up) around the pencil/pen and roll to almost the other end.• Secure the end of the paper with glue to form a long round bead.• Pull bead of pencil/pen and thread on to the string or wool.• Thread all beads onto string/wool then tie off the end to form necklace.
<p>Ideas for extending the activity</p>	<p>By making an Egyptian artefact the children can discover fascinating information about this ancient culture. It would be great to have books, pictures and artefacts displayed in the room to encourage the children to 'research' more about the culture.</p> <p>While making the beads you could tell stories such as the one of Tutankhamen who became the pharaoh of Egypt when he was only 10 years old.</p> <p>Tutankhamen loved beautiful things so the people in his country made him lots of lovely arts and crafts to make him happy. Children often presented him with necklaces made of these paper beads.</p>

