A short clay-bead garland for a shelf edge

A bead-count and hole-spacing planner. Use the free printable with the steps below. Compare the optional supply only if you need it.

Materials: Decorative air-hardening clay; blunt hole tool; twine; ruler; printable spacing planner

1. Choose a short garland

Measure the shelf edge and decide how much of it you want to cover. A small number of sturdy beads is easier to handle than a very long heavy strand. Record your planned bead count and approximate gaps.

2. Form and dry test beads

Make beads with walls thick enough around a straight hole for your twine. Follow the clay maker's directions for drying all the way through. Thread a trial bead only when fully dry and gently check its strength.

3. Thread and secure thoughtfully

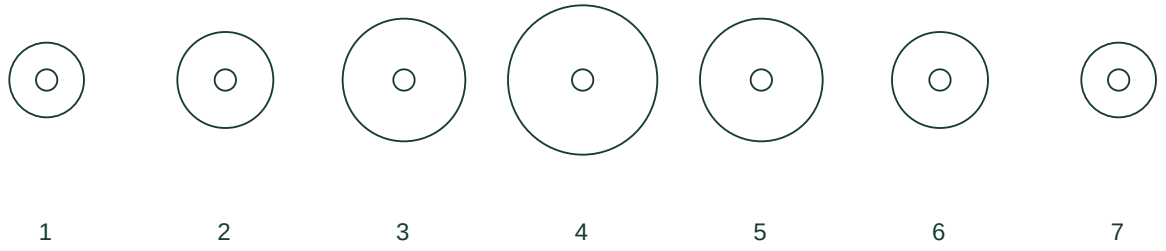
Use suitable twine and secure the ends so the garland cannot slide off the shelf. Keep it away from children, pets, moisture and heat. Decorative clay beads are not toys or load-bearing hardware.

Follow material and tool instructions. Decorative clay, paper and wire are not food-safe or flame-safe by default; supervise tools and keep small parts away from children and pets.

Your printable workspace

1 inch

Print at 100% / Actual size and verify this square. Solid outlines: cut. Dashed lines: fold. Trial on scrap paper. Clay outlines are shape references. Keep paper away from food, heat and flames.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Hole tool / string diameter / maker directions

Drying complete / actual finished garland length

Shape and spacing reference. Not a load-bearing cord or child toy.