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## Comic Book Crafts

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day by repurposing comics into cool decorations. Make paper beads, decorate a photo frame, and make envelopes and origami.



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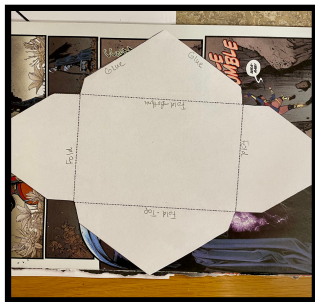


## Ingredients (Included) You Supply:

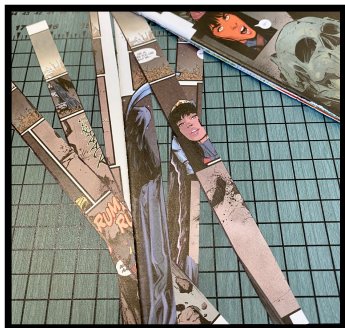
- loose comic pages
- 2 envelope templates
- 2 x 3 photo frame (instagram photo size)
- 1 container Mod Podge
- 1 sponge brush
- coffee stirrers
- tape
- ruler
- scissors or craft knife
- craft glue (optional)
- twine or cord (to string together paper beads)
- pencil and marker

## Directions for Envelope:

1. Cut out the envelope templates and choose one to start with.
2. Choose a loose comic page that looks cool.
3. Trace the envelope template onto the page.
4. Cut out the traced shape. Fold the sides in and then fold the bottom up. Fold down the top to make a flap.
5. Glue or tape down the bottom over the sides. Your envelope is done!



# Directions for Paper Beads



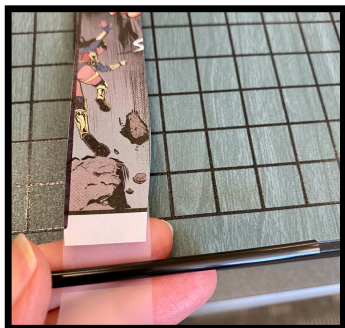
1. Cut a comic book page into strips about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch wide. You should get several strips that are  $\frac{3}{4}$  wide and 10 inches long.

2. Take one of the strips and make a mark in the middle of one of the ends.



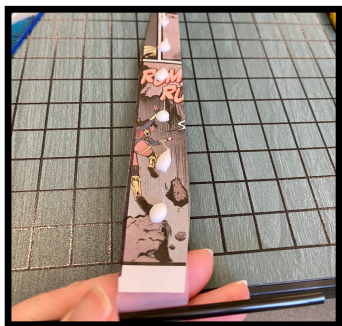
3. From the other end, measure halfway up (5-6 inches) and make a line.

4. Using a ruler, connect the points until they form a triangle at one end. You can draw the lines before cutting with scissors or cut along the ruler with a craft knife. You just cut out a long triangle.



5. Place a piece of tape at the wide end and place a coffee stirrer on the other end.

6. Add several dabs of Mod Podge or (if you have it, craft glue) down the length of the paper strip and start rolling your bead, from the long end to the point.



7. Once the bead is rolled and secure, trim the ends of the stirrer with scissors.



8. Paint the bead with several coats of Mod Podge, allowing to dry between coats. You can stick the beads carefully onto toothpicks to hold up for painting and drying.

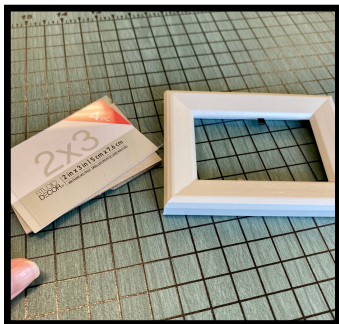
9. Make several this way and string on bracelets, necklaces, or other jewelry as desired.

You can experiment with triangles of different shapes and sizes and make different kinds of beads!

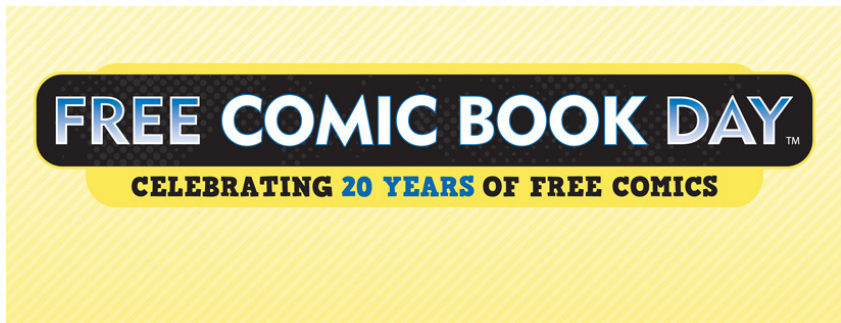


## Directions for Photo Frame

1. Take apart the frame and set the glass and backing aside.
2. Cut comics book pages into tiny squares or strips that will fit on the frame.
3. On a protected surface, use the sponge brush and Mod Podge to adhere the comic squares to the frame. Take your time and don't stress -- Mod Podge dries clear!
4. Do the front of the frame and allow to dry. If doing the sides also, do each one separately and allow to dry before moving on.
5. Once everything is dry, use a craft knife or scissors to cut off excess bits that stick out.
6. Print out your favorite Instagram photo (or another small photo) for your frame.



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## **Two Things You Can Do on Free Comic Book Day:**

- Visit your local comics shop to get free comics! Heroines & Heroes is open in Wilmette now!
- Sign up for our virtual manga drawing class with Addie Afable of Artistic Dragon Studios. Sign up link here:  
<http://wilmette.libnet.info/event/5110128>