to bead, or not to bead?
Jeffrey Gibson,
Sharecropper,
2015,
repurposed punching bag, glass beads, oxidized copper beads, artificial sinew, steel,
30 x 12 1/2 x 12 1/2 in

Today's activity is inspired by a contemporary artwork in our collection by Jeffrey Gibson.

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What You'll Need:

- paper
- glue
- scissors
- a pencil
- a ruler
Step 1
Find paper with patterns or colors that catch your eye!

TIP
Construction paper, magazines, and the inside of envelopes work great!

Step 2
Using your ruler, draw triangle shapes that follow the dimensions below.

7 inches long
1 inch wide
Step 3
Cut out the triangles and lay the patterned side face down on the table.

Step 4
With the pencil at the base of your triangle, roll the base around the pencil once (your pattern should be on the outside).
Step 5
Run a thin line of glue to the end of your paper and then tightly roll up the rest of the paper around the pencil.

TIP
smooth out any flyaway paper with glue
Experiment with different sizes of triangles to make different beads!

Before you roll a bead, write down something you are grateful for or something worrying your mind!

Create a necklace out of three different size beads!
design and create your own bead weaving like this

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