

Grade levels: K, 1st and 2nd

Standards: Number Relationship Standards

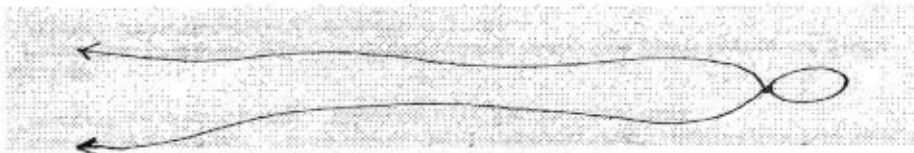
Idea sent in by: Workshop committee

Materials needed: 20 barrel beads (1/2" barrel beads with 1/4" diameter), 10 of one color, 10 of another color, 5 ft. nylon cord (prepare nylon cord ahead of time by burning the ends)

** It is very useful for the children to make their own bead counters*

Directions to make a sample:

- Fold the nylon cord in half and make a finger loop and knot on the folded part of the cord, double knot it.



- Pull apart the two ends of the nylon cord and put one part of bead in one hand and the other part of the string in the other hand. Select the color that is to go on first. The opening of the bead should be facing left and right.
- Put the string from the right hand through the right hole and grab both strings and pull the bead down.
- Then put the string in the left hand through the left hole and grab both strings and pull the bead down.
- Work the bead so the holes are facing east and west and "sitting" above the knot. This will help all the other beads sit correctly on the bead counter.
- String all ten of one color beads and then all 10 of the second color. Do not make a pattern with the beads.
- When all 20 beads have been strung, make a triple knot at the end of the string.