

Melted Bead Mobile Suncatchers

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Materials

1. Pony Beads – we liked both the translucent and solid color beads
2. A metal baking dish or muffin pan, you can get from the dollar store
3. Oven or Grill to bake pans in. Use oven gloves! This can be hot!



Directions:

1. Arrange the beads in desired pattern. Beads should lay face down and unless you want an uneven or gapped design, try to lay them right next to each other. I read online where you can do one larger one and then hang the smaller ones off the large one like a mobile. If you do an internet search there are tons of way to do this. I can't believe we have never done this craft before.
2. If you worry about fumes and have access to an outside grill, you can bake the dishes in your grill. Otherwise if you use your oven, be sure to have the windows open and fans going. There is quite a plastic smell when melting them, probably not great for you. I thought it was similar to when I have the oven set on clean. I usually get out of the room when that's going on too!
3. Bake your designs at about 350F for 20 – 25 minutes. We checked on ours a lot at first, and could see when it began to melt vs when everything smoothed out melted together. Depending on the look you are going for, you could stop anywhere in between.
4. Take them out, they are hot! Use gloves, and let them cool completely before removing them from the pan. We didn't have any trouble getting them to come out of the pans.
5. I read that you can use hot glue to attach the string and catchers together, or if you have a drill you could probably drill a tiny hole to attach through.

6. Try this out! At first my boy weren't sure they wanted to do this but once they started, they could have spent hours arranging beads and they aren't big crafting kids. Their creativity was pretty impressive and one made a minecraft sword! I did a heart and tried for a cross though it came out a little skewed. I will definitely be doing this one again! We haven't strung ours up yet, I wanted to try this out before I shared it with you but we will be doing more!



7. Fun Idea! You can have each member of your family make a part of the mobile and then hang them all together, representing the entire family. (not sure I want a sword on mine but at least we are all playing together?!) The translucent beads are pretty cool because they really shimmer in the sunlight. You can make the top of the suncatcher a larger size by using a round cake pan, OR I have also seen one that was just an umbrella shape by only partially filling the pan)
8. Once you've made your creation, stop by our [facebook page](#) or [instagram](#) and share it with us! We'd love to see what you've made!

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