



MAKE YOUR OWN CHARMS AT HOME

This year my plan was to make charms out of game pieces for one of my “Craft & Create” activities I host every day of the Fair in the Community Building. This year we are being creative and crafting at home, so I adapted this craft to include items one likely already has. So this is my tutorial on how to make your own charms using a paper clip bail!



This tutorial is best for older kids and adults since paper clips can be sharp, but young kids can have fun choosing items to become charms. If you want a craft for younger kids, please check out the other Sonoma-Marin (Virtual) Fair craft tutorials on our website.

Supplies - Paper Clips, Needle-Nose Pliers, Tacky Glue (for all ages)/ E6000 (adults only), scissors, bits of fabric & Items to turn into your charms



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bend Paper Clip to create a straight line.



2. Pinch Paper Clip End into Pliers and loosely twist Paper Clip around nose of pliers twice, then carefully remove Paper Clip from pliers by pulling off end.



3. Using pliers or fingers press into a flat spiral - this will be where you will add your charm.



4. Take the opposite end of the Paper Clip and bend it a few times slightly more tightly to create your loop - this is where you can thread your necklace, string, or rope through.



5. Now twist the loop and the spiral, so the spiral is flat and the loop sticks out. You have just made your own *JEWELRY BAIL!*



6. Apply glue to the spiral and attach your item to make your charm! Let dry.



7. For these I used a foam sticker boot, shell, polished stone, & sea glass.



8. (Optional) You can glue on a small circle of fabric to cover the spiral and make it softer on your skin. Let dry.



9. Put your creation on a chain & you're ready to wear it!

