



Straw Necklace Making



Materials Needed:

Multi-colored straws (the brighter the better)
Yarn, string or thicker beading rope
Scissors

Prepwork:

The therapist cuts the yarn into pieces about 2 feet in length

(Optional) Pre-cut straws into pieces

Model of finished a necklace

Task:

The therapist instructs the students to cut the straws into $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch pieces and place them in a common area on the table (designated space or storage box)

The students string the pieces of colored straw on the yarn.

The students tie the "necklace" so he or she can wear it (may need assistance)

Students Goals:

Increase strength (particularly if the student cuts the straws)

Improve bilateral coordination

Improve motor planning

Increase in-hand manipulation