

# Make A Pony Bead Indian Corn





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**Materials:** 4 tan pipe cleaners, 120 pony beads (in autumn colors: black, brown, orange, red, yellow, white)

## Directions:

1. Take the four pipe cleaners and make sure they are lined up. Twist the center of the pipe cleaners together. One or two times is enough. (Our image has two colors to show the twist.)

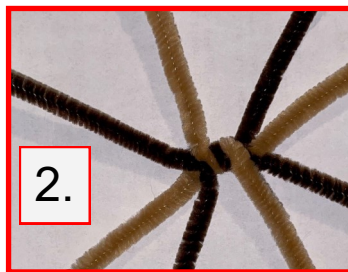
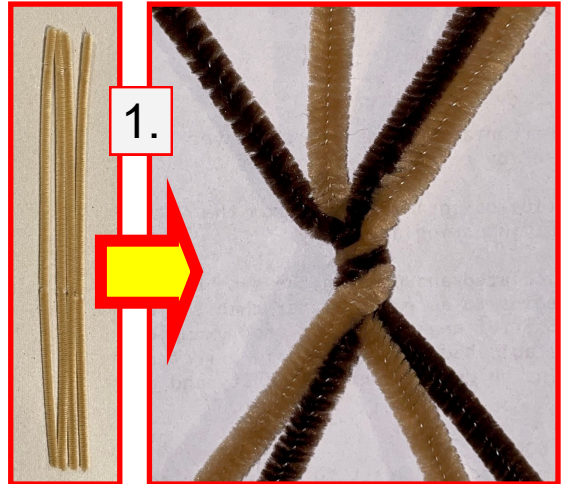
2. Evenly space out the ends of the pipe cleaners.

3. Place 15 beads on each of the ends, mix the colors up however you want!

4. Pull all the ends together and twist the

top to keep the beads in place. You may have to reposition some rows to get a fuller looking corn ear.

5. You're done! Take your colorful Indian corn home to decorate for the rest of the autumn season!



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# Indian Corn

Corn or maize is a very diverse species of grass native to the Americas that has been grown for millennia by native cultures. It was domesticated by indigenous peoples in Mesoamerica in prehistoric times, and spread through much of the Americas in pre-Columbian times. Early explorers carried this crop back to Europe, eventually spreading it to the rest of the world because of its ability to grow in diverse climates.

Indian or flint corn (*Z. m. indurate*) has very low water content and a very hard outer



layer on the kernels. Those with larger kernels are used for making hominy or grits and can be ground for flour or cornmeal. Today flint corn is grown primarily in Central and South America.

Most corn comes in just yellow or white, but Indian corn is much more variable. Some varieties are a single color in shades of white, red, blue and black, but most are multi-colored.