

Instructions Baby Mobile

The handicraft material you need for making a baby mobile:

- 1 wooden half ring
- 2 m cord (PP-polyester cord)
- optional: a piece of satin cord as stringing aid
- colourful wooden beads
- crochet beads
- 5 safety beads
- optional: 1 little bell
- 3 textile stars

The small tools you need:

- needle and thread
- large needle
- scissors
- lighter
- tweezers

Let's Get Crafty!

Step 1: Experimenting With the Half Ring, Beads and Textile Stars

You'll probably enjoy this step a lot because it really makes your **creativity** sparkle: Arrange the half ring and all other elements such as beads, textile stars and little bells back and forth until you are satisfied with your **baby mobile design**.

We recommend using a **safety bead** each for both side strands and three safety beads for the middle strand. Each of these has a larger hole in which you can hide the knot.

Step 2: Stringing the Wooden Beads

We'll start with the **middle strand**: Double an approx. 60 cm long piece of PP-polyester cord. Slide a textile star over one of the cord's two ends until reaching the loop.

Slightly melt both cord ends with a lighter and roll both of them flat with your index finger and thumb. This makes **stringing the wooden beads** easier. Now string all wooden beads that are in front of the first crochet bead and if you want to a little bell as well.

Step 3: Preparing the Crochet Bead's Stringing

Stringing crochet beads is easier when stretching their holes slightly beforehand by using a **big needle**. We have used a sack needle for this. Our crochet beads are filled with cotton wool. That is why stringing them can sometimes be a little difficult, despite the prepared hole.

Step 4: Stringing the Crochet Bead

For **stringing the crochet bead**, we're using another little trick: Thread a piece of sewing thread into a sewing needle. Stick the sewing needle through one of the cord's ends and knot the thread. Now pull both cord ends through the crochet bead **one after the other**. And voilà: The crochet bead is strung!

Step 5: Stringing the Remaining Beads as well as the Half Ring

As described in steps 2 to 4, string the middle strand's remaining **wooden beads** and **crochet beads**.

When **stringing the half ring**, you can use the sewing needle's blunt tip to push the cord from below if necessary. String a lens bead after the half ring.

Now let's prepare the first safety bead's stringing: Use both cord ends to make a **simple knot** on the lens bead. This knot will stabilise the safety bead. String the safety bead with its smaller opening first. Push the safety bead over the knot. Alternatively, you can proceed as follows: Pull strongly with one hand at each cord end until the safety bead slides over the knot with its smaller opening.

Leave a part of cord blank for the **loop** with which you will hang up the finished **baby mobile**. After these few blank centimetres, make a tight **double knot**.

Step 6: Finishing the Middle Strand

In order to finish the loop without knots, we're using two more **security beads**. String one safety bead with the larger opening first and push it over the double knot.

String a second safety bead with the larger opening pointing outward. Make a tight **double knot**. Shorten the ends of the cord with scissors. Fuse the knot with a lighter. If necessary, push it with tweezers into the opening of the safety bead until it is no longer visible.

Step 7: Making the Side Strand

Prepare your first **side strand** up to the half ring by stringing fabric star, wooden beads and crochet beads as described above.

For stringing the **half ring** through the side holes, we recommend using a small **stringing aid**. Tie a piece of **satin cord** to one of the ends. It is narrower than the PP-polyester cord as well as a little more flexible. That's why it's relatively easy to push it from the bottom to the half ring's side exit hole. If necessary, you can also pull the satin cord out of the side hole with a sewing needle or tweezers.

This way, you'll pull one of the PP-polyester cord ends through the half ring.

Step 8: Stringing the Half Ring

The **second cord end** cannot be strung by using the satin cord trick anymore, because the hole has become too narrow due to the first cord end.

Instead, you can melt the second cord end with the **lighter** and roll it narrow between thumb and forefinger. Then push the cord end through the half ring's lower hole and push it with the **sewing needle**. Alternatively, you can use the lighter to slightly weld the second cord end to the first.

Step 9: Fixing the Side Strand's Safety Bead

Now string a lentil bead, just like you did when making the middle strand, and make a **simple knot** on it. Then string a safety bead with the larger opening pointing outward.

With a little force, push the safety bead over the knot. Alternatively you can proceed in this way: Pull strongly with one hand at each cord end until the safety bead slides with its smaller opening over the knot.

Step 10: Finishing the Side Strand

Make a **double knot**. Weld properly the lighter, just as you did before. Press the knot into the larger opening of the safety lock. A pair of tweezers can help you here.

Step 11: Making the Final Bead Strand

Simply repeat steps 7 to 10 for the **second side strand**.

And you're done! Lift up your finished **home-made baby mobile** by the loop and see how beautifully the bead strands swing back and forth. We wish your baby lots of fun with your new handicraft work!

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