

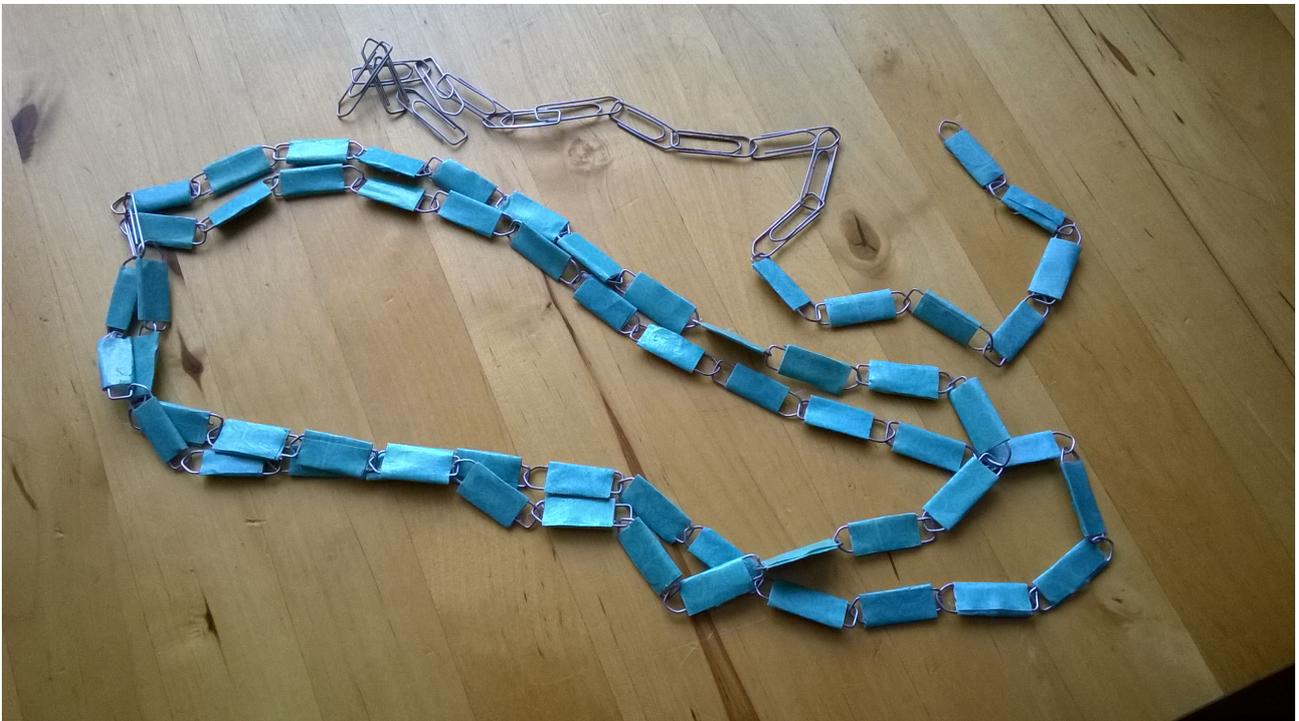
Paper-clip necklace

Hardly rocket science, but quite a fun and simple upcycle/recycle project for schools
— granmas with the little ones etc.

Take a pile of paper clips and clip them together to form a long 'chain' necklace — you can do multi-strands if you have enough clips. Then take **an old magazine** or some other sort of paper (old gift wrap for instance) and cut into strips. With white glue, wrap around each paper clip to cover the open ends and block them together. When it's all dry you can give a coat of varnish to the paper wraps if you like. Obviously if you used plain paper, the kids can do some drawing on each 'bead' before the final seal. A bit sticky and messy, but fun. Here I am in the process of doing a multi-strand with some turquoise coloured wrapping paper I had salvaged.

The paper strips needn't be any longer than about an inch — depends on the size of the clips of course, but make the strips just long enough to overlap around the 'height' of the clips. The width will obviously be determined by the actual length of your clips leaving just enough room for the rounded extremity to be free.

Hopefully you will have enough clips to make the necklace long enough to just slip over the head, but if not, you can use some ribbon or tape at each end which the person wearing the necklace would just tie together behind the neck.



Have fun!