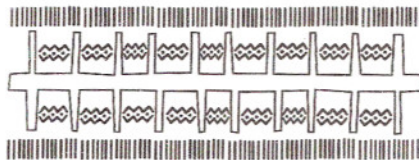


# Jewelry

Jewelry is a very important part of the African culture. Many Africans consider ornate jewelry a part of their everyday outfits. African jewelry may signify whether the wearer is available for marriage, whether he or she is wealthy, what tribe the wearer comes from, and his or her age. It may even signify brave deeds in battle or heroic deeds in daily life.

Jewelry can be made of almost any material. Copper, silver, brass, wooden beads, glass beads, amber, bones, feathers, shells, and gold are commonly used. Jewelry may even be made of woven palm leaves or elephant tail hair.



## For the Teacher

### Project

Use household items to make replicas of African jewelry.

### Materials

- Jewelry Project Page (page 33)
- materials listed for individual projects

### Directions

1. Reproduce and cut apart Jewelry Project Page. Post each project in a different area in an "African Jewelry Center."
2. Demonstrate each project to the students and leave it in the center as a reference sample.
3. Students may make one or all of the projects. Provide time for students to share their projects with classmates.

