

**Archer's Rosary or Abacus**  
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**Supplies:** Jump rings or split rings  
Cord, twine, crochet cotton, quilter's thread  
Beads 30 total (6 large, 24 smaller)  
Piece of corrugated board for tassel making  
Masking tape

**Equipment:** Scissors  
Tray  
Beading needles or thin wire  
Crochet hook (optional)  
Folded up piece of newspaper  
Measuring tape or yard stick  
Beading Board (optional)

Start by folding your newspaper in half lengthwise, then in quarters. Tape the ends together so the beads don't roll out. What you want is a trough down the middle to hold your beads in the order you will be stringing them.

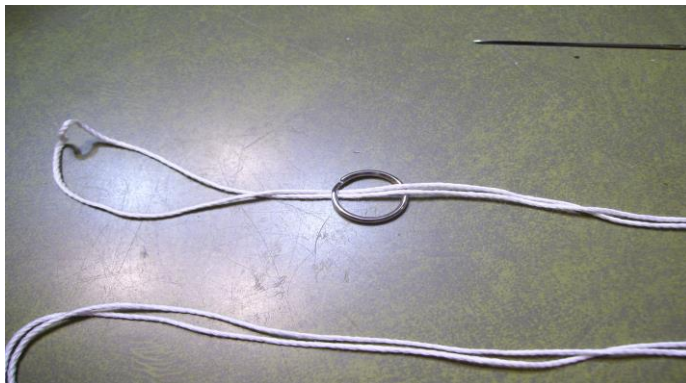
(Decision: are you going to use the counter going from left to right or from right to left?)

Whichever way you are going to use the counter start with four smaller beads then one larger, continue setting them out in the fold of the newspaper until they are all laid out.

To measure the amount of cording you will want for the body of the counter, measure the length of the beads in the fold of newspaper. Add eight inches extra for knots and adding the tassel on.

Measuring out your cord to this measurement and double it.

(Decision to be made: are you going to knot between each bead? If so, you will need cord that is 4.5 times the finished length of your counter, doubled.)



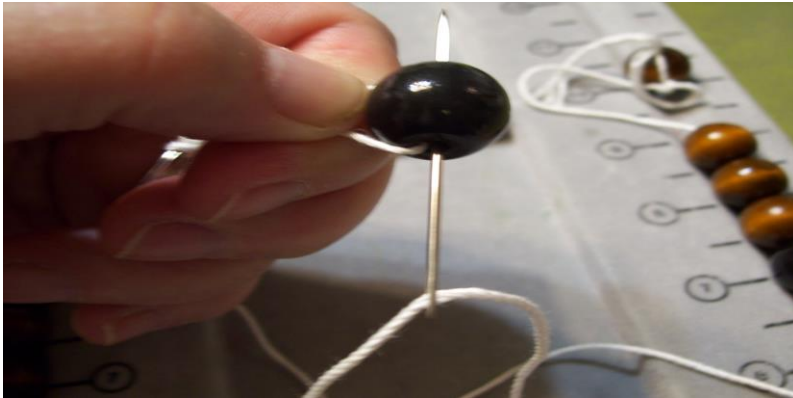
Take your jump ring and pull the folded end of your cord through the ring



Pull enough cording through so you can pass the length through the loop. Tighten the loop, your ring should be securely held by the cording with both sides of the cord being equal in length.

This is where you would start your knotting if your want to do that.

Thread a needle with your cord, or wrap a thin piece of wire around it so the cord is wrapped inside the wire coil..



Thread the beads onto one side of the cord in the order you have them set out in. Tie the cord to the last bead, this way they won't fall off if while you are working with them.

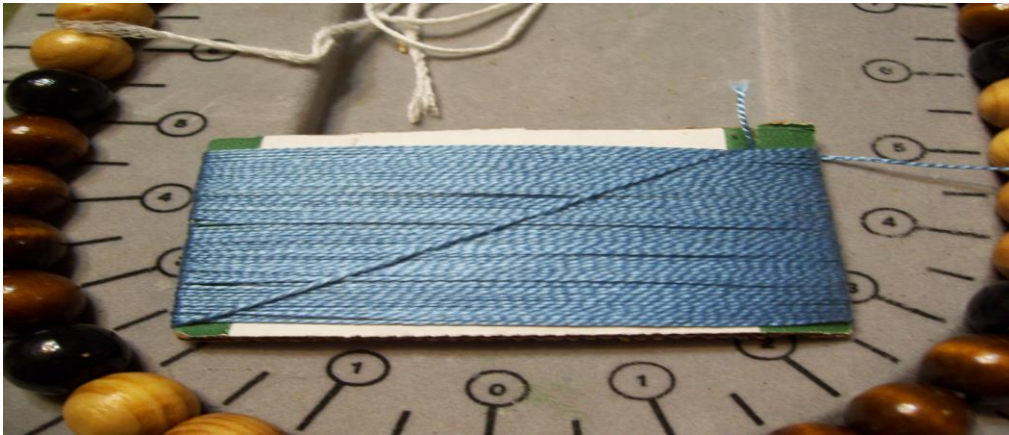


Now put the other piece of your cording through the holes in the same order you did before. Make sure they are pushed together so they may wiggle a little but they are very close together; and

then tie a knot in the piece of cord so the beads don't fall off.

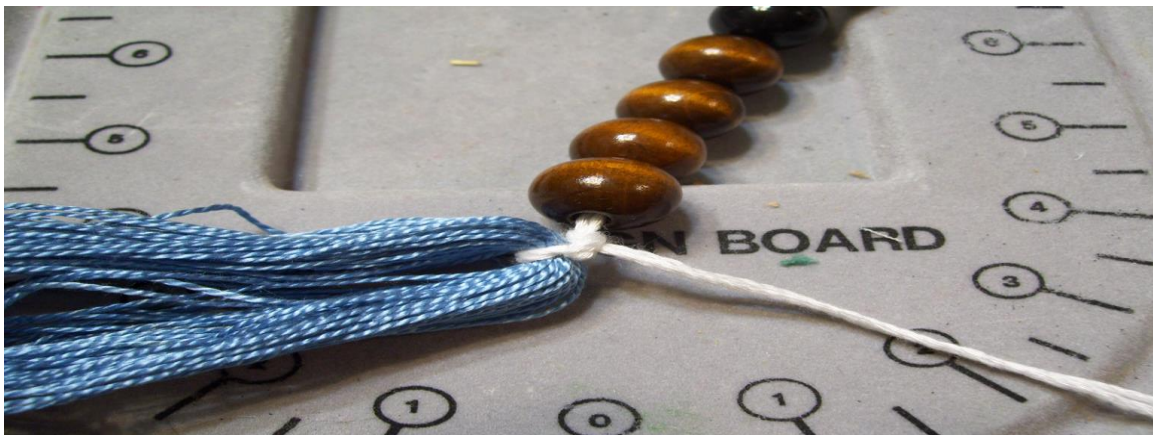
You will have a tail to work with for your tassel.

Wrap your piece of cardboard with the thread/cording you want for your tassel. I usually go for between 50 to 80 wraps depending on the thickness of the thread/cord.



Using your tail from the beading, thread one piece underneath your tassel wraps going right to left, do the same thing with the other end going left to right.

Gently ease the wraps of you tassel off the corrugated and carefully cinch the bundle up to where the beads end. Tie a good sturdy knot.



Wrap the tassel using the cording from the counter using one piece to go one way (clockwise or counter clockwise) and wrap the other piece the opposite way tie them off with a good sturdy knot.





If there is a lot of room left over between your counter and the tassel, you can thread the ends of your tie off back up through the tassel ball and add half hitches to the space between the beads and the tassel ball. Knot the ends,  
Finished.

