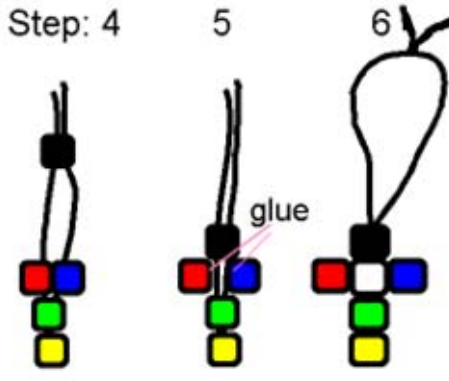


The "Colors-of-Christ" Cross

What you will need:
 6 Beads (Black, red, white, blue, green, gold or yellow), and thin cord or rawhide lace that will fit through your beads, clear glue.



Step 1: Cut your cord. If you're making a necklace, start with three feet of cord. For a bookmark, bracelet, or key chain use one foot of cord. Place the gold bead onto one end of the cord and place in the center. See illustration.

Step 2: Put the cord ends together and pull them through the green bead. See illustration.

Step 3: Put the red bead on one side of the cord, and the blue bead on the other side. Pull them tight.

Step 4: Put the cord ends together again and pull them through the black bead. See illustration.

Step 5: Place a very small dot of clear drying glue onto the red and blue bead, at the center of the cross where they touch. Wedge your white bead between the red and blue bead so that the white bead's holes touch the sides of the red and blue bead where the glue was placed. Pull the string tightly and tie a knot against the top of the black bead.

Step 6: Tie the ends of the cord. Wrap the cord ends around your finger, and loop it through the hole, pull tight. Share your 'Colors of Christ Cross' with a friend.

Each of the bead colors are intended to remind us of Biblical truths:

Black = Sin

The black bead reminds us of our sin which separates us from God and dooms us to eternal darkness. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (see also Ephesians 2:11-13)

Red = Christ's blood

The red bead symbolizes Christ's blood shed for you and me. Romans 5:8-9 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us...we have been justified by his blood..."

White = Prayer of Repentance For Cleansing

The white bead represents the cleansing that occurs when a sinner repents and turns to God. Psalm 51:1-2 "Have mercy on me, Oh God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."

Blue = Water/Spirit Baptism

The blue bead represents baptism. Ephesians 4:5 "...one Lord, one faith, one baptism." We are baptized with water to identify ourselves with Jesus. The Holy Spirit baptizes those who trust in Jesus and takes up residence in the believers heart. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9

Green = Christian Growth

The green bead represents growth in our faith. Colossians 1:10 "And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..."

Gold = Eternal life

The gold bead represents eternal life with Jesus in Heaven. John 3:16 " For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."