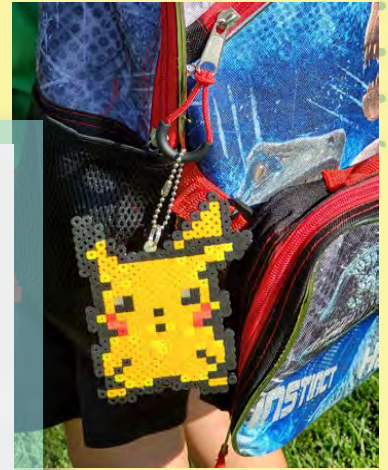


5 Easy-to-Make Backpack Charms



Pendant/Bottlecap Backpack Charms

1. Gather your supplies
 - Pendants/Bottlecaps
 - 1" Stickers or 1" Punch
 - 1" Epoxy Stickers
 - Jump Ring or Split Ring
 - Beaded Keychain
 - Bottlecap Punch (optional)



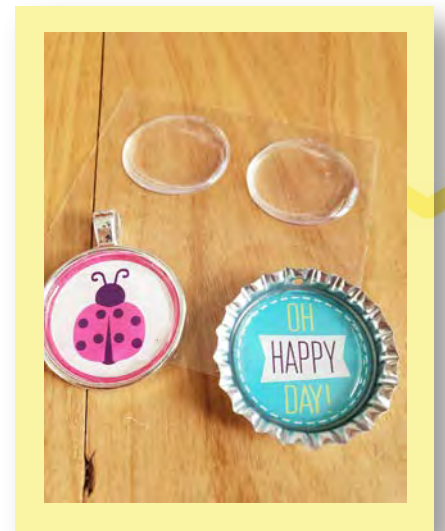
2. Choose a sticker and center it inside the pendant or bottlecap.

*Alternate: You can use the 1" punch to create a "sticker" of your own. Glue to the inside of the pendant or bottlecap.

3. Place the epoxy sticker (sticky side down) on top of the sticker/photo inside the pendant or bottlecap.

4. Attach the keychains
For Pendant - Put beaded keychain through the loop on the pendant.

For Bottlecap - Use the bottlecap punch (or an icepick) to punch a small hole in the top lip of the bottlecap. Attach the split ring or jump ring through the hole and attach the beaded keychain.



Favorite Toy Backpack Charms

1. Gather your supplies

- Small Plastic Toy
- Small Eye Screw
- Beaded Keychain



2. Poke a shallow hole into the top of the plastic toy to get the screw started.*

*Note: Some plastics are softer than others. If the plastic is too hard, you may need a small thin drill bit to get the hole started.

3. Slowly screw the eye screw into the hole using firm pressure as you turn the screw into the top of the plastic toy until it stops.

4. Attaching the keychain - Put the beaded keychain through the loop in the eye screw.



Glitter Backpack Charms

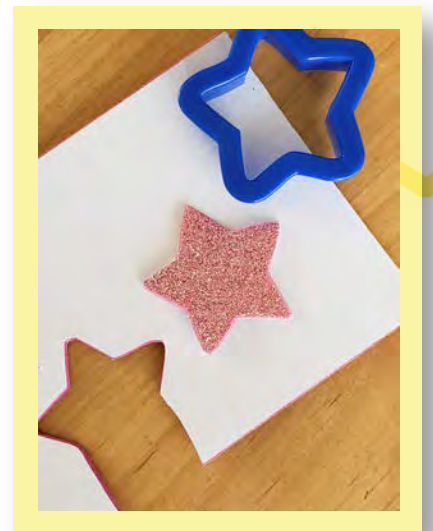
1. Gather your supplies
 - Sticky-back Glitter Craft Foam
 - Symmetrical Cookie Cutter
 - Scissors or X-acto Knife (not pictured)
 - Beaded Keychain
 - Small Punch



2. Turn the craft foam face down. Using a cookie cutter, press down firmly making the imprint of the cookie cutter in the paper back of the craft foam. This will give you a good line to use for the cutting.

3. Using scissors or an X-acto Knife, cut out each shape and peel the paper off the back of the craft foam. With sticky sides facing each other, stick the two shapes together. Trim up if needed.

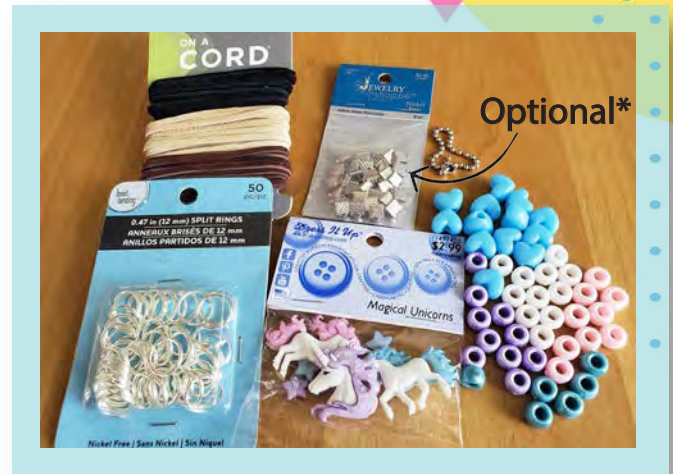
4. Attaching the keychain - Punch a hole into the top of your shape and Put a beaded keychain through the hole. (I used the bottle cap punch, but a regular hole punch would work just fine.)



Beaded Backpack Charms

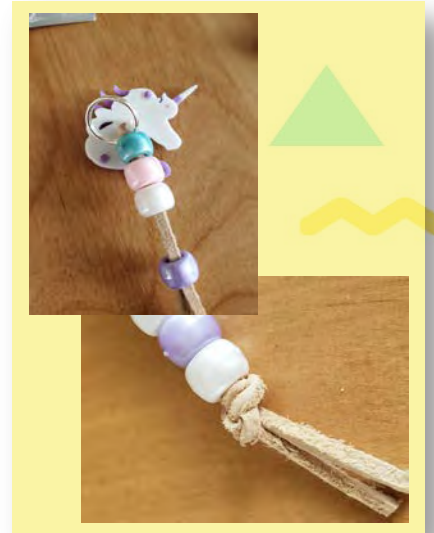
1. Gather your supplies

- 12" of Leather Cord
- Pony Beads
- Split Ring or Jump Ring
 - Novelty Button
 - Beaded Keychain
 - Jewelry Crimper (optional)



2. Cut a 12" piece of leather cord. Fold the cord in half and thread the novelty button and the split ring to the fold in the cord.

3. Holding the two ends of the leather cord, push the pony beads all the way up the cord "trapping" the split ring (jump ring) up against the button. After you put on all the beads that you want, tie off the leather cord right under the last bead*. Cut off any extra length of cord.



*Note: Instead of tying the leather cord, you may choose to cut it short and put a jewelry crimp at the bottom.

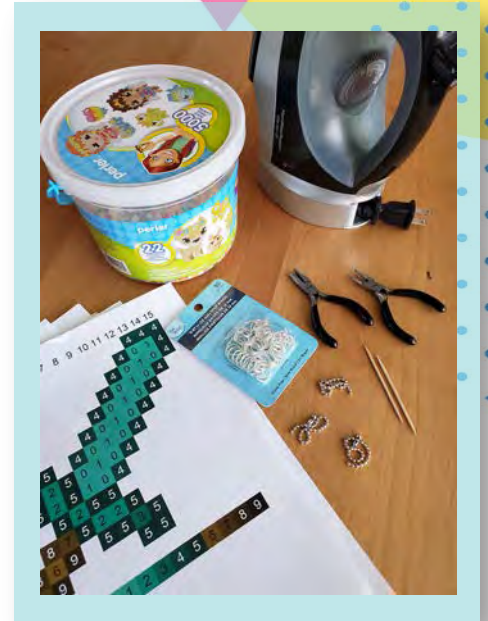
4. Attaching the keychain - Put the beaded keychain through the split ring.



Perler Bead Backpack Charms

1. Gather your supplies

- Perler Beads & Pegboard
- Perler Bead Pattern
- Split Ring or Jump Ring
- Jewelry Pliers (optional)
- Ironing Paper
- Iron & Ironing Surface
- Beaded Keychain
- Toothpick



2. Find a pattern online - there are hundreds of free ones online. line up the colored perler beads on the pegboard following the pattern. Using the jewelry pliers, place the beads on the pegboard. Tip: Group the beads by color before you start.



3. Heat the iron to a cotton setting. Then VERY CAREFULLY transfer the pegboard to the ironing surface and place the ironing paper over the design. When the iron is ready, iron over the paper on top of the design with a circular motion. Keep the iron moving until the beads begin to melt. The amount that you melt the beads is a personal preference. Then let the design cool. When it is cooled, take the paper off the design and the design off the pegboard. flip the design over onto the ironing surface, place the ironing paper on top of the design and iron again as you did the front side.



Perler Bead Backpack Charms (cont.)

4. While you are ironing, be conscious of the fact that you will want to leave one of the holes open. If the hole closes up, use a toothpick while the design is still warm to open up the hole a bit more.



5. Attaching the keychain - Open the split ring as much as possible and attach it to the bead where you left the hole open. Then, put the beaded keychain through the split ring.



Warning! This craft is addictive!!

