



# RECREATION AT HOME

## Melted Bead Sun Catcher

### Materials Needed:

- Plastic pony beads
- Drill
- Round metal cake pan
- Fishing line

### Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 400°F
2. Arrange the beads in the pan. Turn the beads on end in tight spaces, they will melt just fine on their sides. The fewer gaps you have, the less likely you will have holes in your suncatcher.
3. Once you have your pan filled with beads, bake it in the oven for 30-40 minutes, or until all of the beads have melted and there are no gaps or holes. The longer you heat them, the smoother it will melt into shape. (NOTE: It is a good idea to open a window and turn on your hood fan when baking, as there are some fumes created as the plastic melts.)
4. Remove the pan from the oven and set it on a cooling rack. After a couple of minutes, you will begin to hear popping noises as the plastic cools and separates from the pan.
5. Once it is cool to the touch, flip the pan over and remove the suncatcher.
6. Use a small drill bit and make a hole to thread fishing line through. Hang it up and enjoy!

