



Stringing Planets

String “planets” (beads) with your child!
As you work, ask your child the following questions:

- How many beads are on the string?
- Does this bead feel smooth or rough?
- What color bead would you like to add next?

Consider creating a pattern with your child.
For example, alternate two colors of beads.

When you have several beads on the string, count them with your child. Ask your child what he or she thinks will happen if you add another bead. Add one to the string, and count again. Now ask your child what might happen if you remove a bead from the string. Take one off, and count the beads. Enjoying the experience together is much more important than your child getting the correct answers; focus on having fun!

