

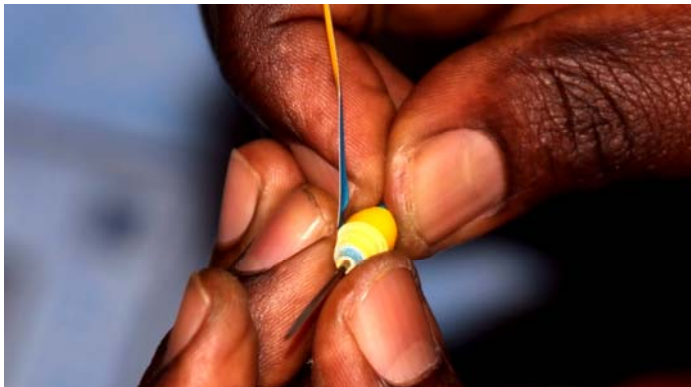
# Lugazi Ladies

The process of making a paper necklace.

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Large posters from Kenya that are no longer of use are measured and cut into long triangular strips. The length and width of these strips determine the shape of the bead. The thicker the paper, the larger the bead.



2. The strips of paper are then wrapped around a wire. It is important that each layer is perfectly symmetrical.



3. The beads are then covered with a non-toxic and lead free varnish. This makes the beads nice and shiny, and it is safe for the women to work with.



4. The beads are then hung to dry. This generally only takes a few hours. After they are dry, the ladies inspect each bead to ensure it has endured the process.



5. Finally, the dried and varnished beads are strung together to make a beautiful necklace. These women are artists, and for the most part, putting the beads together in necklace form is their favorite part of this process.