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### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Window Beads by Jen Duncan

Remember those groovy plastic window beads of the 60's? They were my inspiration for this quick and easy way to get some great new fabrics in your decorating design. Go to the Moda Fabric website {[www.modafabrics.com](http://www.modafabrics.com)} with your own decorating colors in mind and I'm sure you'll find they have just the line you need!

#### Ingredients:

One honey bun (I used Sultry by Basic Grey to go in my pink & brown bathroom )  
Wood craft beads with large holes

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## Instructions:



First off, a little bit of math is required. My window measured 37 inches wide. I divided that by 1.5" (the width of the honey bun strips). The result was 24 point something so I rounded up to 25 strips. I picked 25 strips from the roll and laid them out in a pleasing manner.



Now, before we do the tiny amount of sewing that is required, I will show you a couple ways you can get this done with no sewing at all. One way would be to tie them on to your curtain rod

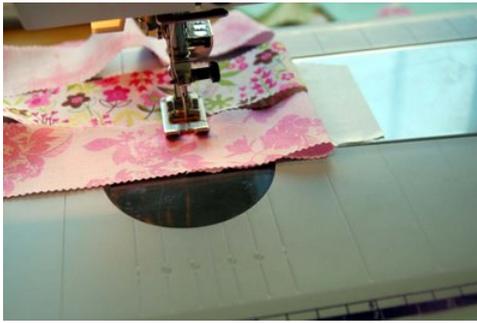


Another idea would be to attach each strip with various buttons



For this window I sewed the top "sleeve". I would fold over the same amount on each, working one strip at a time as I sewed.

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After a quick measure, I'd flip it over and sew continuously, never cutting the thread from the previous strip.



You'll see I applied a piece of low-tack tape to the machine as a temporary sewing guide so that my line stayed straight. Now I have 25 strips sewn together. I then ran them through for a second line of stitches



Mainly because I've just always sewn window curtains with that top 'pleat'. So, in less than 20 minutes you have your strips ready to hang. Now we move on to the beads.

I can't tell you how badly I wanted to do fabric covered beads for this. OH I tried and tried. Different glues. Different applications. It just wasn't going to work for me. And I needed fifty beads so for heaven's sake I didn't want to spend an hour messing with each one! There are great tutorials to be found online, and you may have better luck with it than I did, but I cut my losses and moved on to spray paint.

The above picture shows how I first started trying to spray in a box (not so great) but then I made a jig with a scrap piece of wood and lots of nails. Over the course of a day and a half I'd go out in the garage and spray a coat whenever I remembered to. True sign of a craft supplies junkie: I already had six cans of paint that would coordinate with my fabric!



You can arrange the beads in an all-over random effect, or in a pattern as I did. Then just trim the ends of the strips so they sit nicely on the sill. My window was just tall enough that I only trimmed about an inch off the 45" length, but if your window is even longer, you could attach strips end to end and hide that spot inside a bead.

Voila! Simple as that; you are done.

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