

# BUTTON BAUBLES AND BANGLES: *Take-Home Activity*

There are lots of beautiful things you can make with bunches of buttons. Here are a few ideas to get you started. Just gather together lots of buttons (craft stores sell them by the bag); some glue; thick thread, string, or fishing line; pieces of elastic; and a few other supplies (all supplies needed within each project are in bold). And don't forget to bring your imagination!



**Make a Ponytail Holder** Pick out a big button and use several loops of **thread or string** to secure it to an elastic band. You can **glue** other buttons on top if you like, or keep it simple with just one big beautiful button.

**Make a Ring** **Glue** together a stack of buttons, starting with the biggest one and adding smaller and smaller buttons. When the glue is dry, glue the stack to an adjustable **ring base** (available at craft stores or online).



**Make a Barrette** **Glue** together buttons in four stacks, with the biggest one on the bottom and smaller and smaller ones on top. Let the glue dry, then glue the stacks to a **hair barrette base** (available at craft stores or online—or use an old one of your own).

**Make Earrings** Thread a bunch of pretty buttons onto a set of **earring hoops** (available at craft stores, or you can use ones you already have).



**Make a Bracelet** With an adult's help, cut a piece of **elastic** about 2 inches longer than you want the finished bracelet to be. Hand-thread the buttons onto the elastic so that they will lay flat. You can cut out and glue **photos or drawings** onto the buttons if you like, or decorate the buttons with **paint or glitter**. Tie the ends of the elastic together and trim off any extra end pieces.



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