

HOW TO MAKE A WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Materials:

24 feet of 3/8" thick white nylon rope

polyester fiberfil (approx. 1/4 of a bag)

1 yard of fabric in each of the mission rosary colors; green, blue, white, red and yellow.

About 12 feet of white Velcro

Small cross or crucifix (about 7" or less)

If necessary, use a regular hand-held size rosary for reference.

To make the beads:

Make a 7 x 7 inch square template and cut 12 squares in each of the yellow, red, blue and white colors and 11 squares in the green color.

Make 59 small balls (fistful size) from the fiber fill and fold a piece of fabric around each one sealing it with a small piece (1 inch) of Velcro. (You can sew the beads closed for a more durable bead. You will still need the Velcro to attach the bead to the rope.) Be sure to use the same "side" of the Velcro on all beads. You will use the "other side" of the Velcro on the rope.

To make the rosary:

Take one end of the rope and tie it about 3 feet from the other end of the rope. This section of rope will be used for the first section of the rosary; the cross/crucifix, 1 Our Father bead, 3 Hail Mary beads, 1 Glory Be bead. Determine how you want to align the cross and beads on the rope and stick 1 inch pieces of the "other side" Velcro in those spots on the rope.

Next, determine how you want the decades to be spaced on the rosary. Stick about a 26" piece of "other side" Velcro on the rope for the 10 Hail Mary beads and a 1 inch piece of Velcro for the Our Father beads. Do this for all 5 decades. The decades should be arranged in the following order: yellow, red, white, blue, and green. Attach the beads according to color. You may wish to color-code the Velcro attached to the rope by using a permanent marker in the corresponding color to mark the beginning and end of the decade. Use rosary for the World Mission Rosary Activity or another appropriate activity customized for your group.

