

## Family Activities

# Fun Faces Fidget Toy

### SUPPLIES

#### Materials included:

- 4 square wooden beads
- 1 white paint marker
- 1 black permanent marker
- 1 elastic cord

#### Optional materials:

- Colored permanent markers for making faces
- Alcohol wipes for cleaning up paint and fixing errors if needed



### TRY

1. Paint your wooden cubes with the white paint marker. To use the paint marker, shake well with the cap on. Take off the cap and press down on the tip to get the paint to flow. You may need to occasionally press on the tip as you paint to keep the paint flowing. The paint will stain, but it can be removed from hard surfaces or hands using alcohol wipes.
2. Once your cubes are painted white, you will want to let them dry well. Depending on your preference, you may want to add a second coat of paint. Once your cubes are the color you desire (see example image on next page), let them dry overnight.



3. Make sure you have your cubes arranged so the holes are on the right and left hand sides, and then tie your cubes together (see image below). Once tied, you can trim the cord and tuck the knot inside one of the cubes.

4. Using your permanent marker, draw faces on your cubes (see example below). Draw the first face, and then rotate all your cubes up one turn in the same direction. You will need to shift the cubes in the same way in order to correctly mix and match eyes and mouths.

**Tip for making faces:** The paint likes to come off on the marker. Press lightly. You may need to occasionally get the paint off the tip of the marker by scribbling on a piece of scratch paper. You can also use a dabbing technique to fill in white spaces. While you don't have to wait between faces to let them dry, you will want to let your faces dry for awhile before you start playing with your cube.

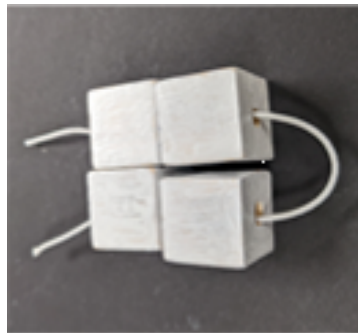
5. Have fun fidgeting! The beads can be shifted on the string, spun, and you can mix and match faces!

**Video directions:**

<https://youtu.be/64xKNV4MOfs>



Steps 1 & 2



Step 3



Step 4



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