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## Joyce Scott Inspired Statement Necklace

From *Craft in America*:

Joyce J. Scott is a versatile artist from Baltimore, Maryland. ° printmaker, weaver, sculptor, performance artist, and educator she is probably most well known for her work in jewelry, beadwork, and glass. o reflects her take on all aspects of American popular culture, her ancestry, and the immediate world of her neighborhood. Her pieces serve as a commentary for issues regarding socialism, race, politics, sexism, and stereotypes. Of her own work, Scott says, "I believe in messing with stereotypes...It's important for me to use art in a manner that incites people to look and then carry something home even if it's subliminal that might make a change in them."

<https://www.craftinamerica.org/artist/joyce-j-scott>



Joyce Scott  
Topographical Fields (Neckpiece), 1989  
Glass beads, thread, wire  
11 x 9 in | 28 x 23 cm  
Racine Art Museum, Gift of Lira Oskowitz  
Photography: Jon Bolton

Use this activity as a means to express yourself creatively and allow your work to be a catalyst for dialogue or conversation stimulated by your wearable statement necklace.

### Directions

X Decide on a subject that is important to you. Your statement necklace should reflect a message.

1 X Choose the base of your necklace. One sample below uses recycled wire and the other uses construction paper.

1 X Represent the subject of your statement necklace, remember to choose elements that evoke conversation.

2 Glue, string, wire, or adhere any 3D embellishments to your necklace to create a dynamic and dramatic design.

3 Wear your statement necklace and be ready to engage in conversation!



The following sample was made with:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Beads and gems
- Printed paper with names

Can you guess what the subject matter of this piece is?

Answer:  
*Women Empowerment Necklace*



The following sample was made with:

- Recycled wire
- Recycled screws
- Needle-nose pliers

Can you guess what the subject matter of this piece is?

Answer:  
*Reduce, Reuse & Recycle Necklace*