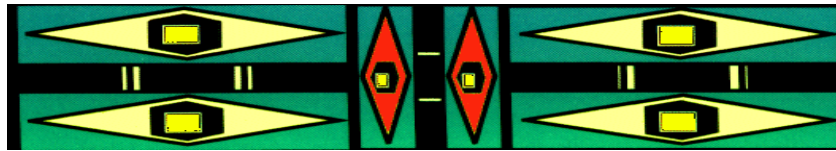


## Native American Jewelry

Native Americans used shells, seeds, bones, teeth, stones, copper, and feathers to make body decorations, including jewelry such as bracelets and necklaces.

After glass beads were introduced by Europeans, Native Americans became experts in designing colorful belts, headbands, and jewelry. They used designs from their culture as well as using new patterns from European designs.



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Make your own Native American Bead necklace by placing beads on a string. You can use shell, plastic, or wooden beads. Make a gorget out of clay and place it in the middle of the bead necklace. Visit the *Indian Gallery* to see Native American bead and gorget artifacts.