

Frugal Fun

Snack Necklaces

It never fails... you've planned a fun outside play date, but it ends up raining. Don't panic, the day is not ruined! Ward off your kids' inevitable whining from boredom and make a snack necklace from Dollar Tree treats before popping in their favorite movie. It's a super-easy craft for kids of all ages, they get to eat the yummy result, and you get an activity and snack all rolled into one (nothing like a time saver that does double duty)!

Shop at Dollar Tree – Here's What You'll Need:

- Snacks to Use in Place of Beads (Any food with a hole works, such as cereal, pretzels, candies, and cookies.)
- Serving Bowls
- Cotton Twine

Easy Step-by-Step Directions:

1. Pour snacks into bowls.
2. Cut cotton twine into lengths long enough to fit easily around each child's head once snacks are added, about 28-34 inches.
3. Let the kids string the snack "beads" of their choosing on the twine.
4. Tie the ends of the twine together to form the necklace and have each child carefully put it around their neck.
5. Pop in a movie and let snacktime begin!

Fun Tips:

- String the first "bead", then tie in place about 6-10 inches from the end. This will help kids keep the rest of their masterpiece on the string and not on the floor.
- Older children that can use a needle with supervision can add soft treats like gummy candies, dried fruit, or marshmallows.
- Tired of the bowl of snacks that ends up being dumped "accidentally" on the floorboards of the car on long trips? Make a few snack necklaces in the days leading up to your trip so you'll be ready for when the munchies hit.

