

START AT HOME #1



image: Sionemaletau Falemaka, Australia, 1962. Neckpiece 2012, Sydney, glass beads, polymide disks 54.0cm (length); Rhianon Vernon-Roberts Memorial Collection 2013, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Artist Sionemaletau Falemaka was born in Niue, a small island in the Pacific, between Fiji and the Cook Islands. He creates works of art based on traditional Polynesian weaving techniques that he learnt from his grandmother.

ABOUT THE WORK

In Neckpiece, Falemaka uses black and white glass beads and plastic discs to create wearable art. Falemaka also likes to use other materials, including feathers, seeds, and textiles.

PAPERCLIP JEWELLERY

MATERIALS YOU NEED

- Paper clips
- Coloured tape or contact
- Scissors
- Optional: Large beads (glass or plastic), and found objects

START TIPS!

- Use tape that is only slightly smaller in width than the paperclips.
- Create geometric patterns by linking paperclips into shapes like squares or triangles and linking them together.

CREATE YOUR OWN ARTWORK

- 1 Start with one paperclip. Wrap the coloured tape around it so that the tape covers most of the paperclip, leaving only the loops showing at the ends.
- 2 Link each paperclip together, adding one paperclip at a time and wrapping it in tape before adding the next one. Make the chain as long as you like – will it be a bracelet or a necklace, a belt chain or a body covering?
- 3 To complete the circle, link your final paperclip to the previous paperclip and the very first paperclip before wrapping it in tape.
- 4 Embellish the chain by adding other paperclips (using the same technique) so that they hang from the points where the other paperclips link. You can also thread beads and other found objects onto these dangling paperclips before wrapping them in tape.

FINISHED? We would love to see your work! Ask your parent or guardian to post a photo on Instagram and tag the Art Gallery of South Australia

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