

Polymer Clay Guidelines for Member's Choice Beads

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Member's Choice beads are handmade polymer clay beads made by artists, packaged with love, and given to a Beads of Courage member to represent a milestone in their treatment. We use these colorful and fun beads in every Beads of Courage program to recognize the joy of being discharged from the hospital.

Guidelines for Polymer Clay Bead Making

- Condition 1 teaspoon of clay well.
- Bake beads fully at 260° degrees F (126° C) for 15 minutes. The beads are worn and handled by children and must be sturdy enough to withstand wear and tear.
- Do not make beads over 1" wide by 1 ½" tall by ½" thick. (2 ½ cm wide by 3 ¾ cm tall by ¾ cm thick)
- The hole size must be at least 2 mm (¼ cm). The thickness of a round toothpick.
- Do **NOT** glaze or clear coat the beads.
- Make all surfaces smooth. No sharp areas or areas that can break off.
- Use colorful clay and make fun shapes. Let your imagination go!

Donations

Please fill out the Bead Donation Form <https://www.beadsofcourage.org/donate-beads/>.

If you send beads from multiple donors in one box, have each artist fill out a form separately, or just include one form for the entire group.

Send all of your donated beads to:

Beads of Courage Headquarters
3230 N. Dodge Blvd.
Suite J
Tucson AZ 85716.

Member hospitals are not set up to receive donations. All beads in our programs are our responsibility. We need to see every Member's Choice bead first; then, volunteers package each bead and add a Member's Choice card.

Thanks for helping make healing happen! Contact April Cleveland, Volunteer Coordinator, at april@beadsofcourage.org with questions or comments.

Information kindly provided by Beads of Courage Hall of Fame Artist, Barbara Sosna.

