

BEADED PICTURE.

This is a beaded picture I made several years ago, and it was inspired by the children's book – The Rainbow Fish.

How to make.

You require a solid board of some kind; I used the back of the picture frame after discarding the glass.

I made myself some templates printed from the internet, cut them out and glued them on to card.

If you want to paint a background to your picture, this must be done before any of the beads are glued down, leaving the paint a few days to dry completely.

Using the templates, I placed each one on the board drawing around it with the pencil. (If you are good at drawing you can 'freehand' your design straight onto the board).

Using your chosen beads and strong PVA craft glue and a fine paintbrush, spread a thick layer of glue over a small area of the picture placing the beads as you go.

DO NOT cover large areas of the board with glue as it will dry too quickly before you have the chance to bead it, work neatly over small sections and 'glue and bead' as you go.

Work slowly, leaving it to dry flat over several days.

Once the work is finished, if you have used a frame like I have, you can fit it together leaving the glass out. If you want to put your picture behind glass you will have to use a box frame, making sure there is enough depth between your beads and the glass for it to fit.

You can decorate the outside of the frame if you choose, I have used small pieces of driftwood.



Rainbow Fish by Sandra Kibbler.