

# Bean Sticks

Bean sticks are a manipulative tool used to teach place value concepts to students.

## Materials

- 10 craft sticks per student
- 100 pinto beans per student
- Glue per student

## Directions

Bean sticks are made by gluing pinto beans to craft sticks. Distribute 10 craft sticks, 100 pinto beans, and glue to each student. Direct students to create a set of bean sticks by gluing 10 beans to each of the sticks as in the picture below.



This set allows students to make a bundle of 100.

Also, give students loose beans to make combinations with 10s and 1s, such as 15, shown below.

