

# DIY TRENDY!

Want to save money but still have some pretty jewellery in your collection? **Rhea Dhanbhora** shows you how to use a few items from your home to make some attractive looking pieces

If you've got odds and ends at home that you were going to throw out, you should read this first. Little bits and pieces from items you don't use anymore can be saved and made into attractive looking jewellery. This week, we're giving you two examples using lace, buttons and bobby pins to make a

necklace and a colourful set of earrings. Take a look at how to revive your wardrobe with a DIY bauble.



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**You will need:**

- Old buttons or brooches.
- Flat nose pliers.
- Jewellery or craft wire.
- Scraps of lace, cut up into thin, long strips.
- Two jump rings and a lobster clasp.

**Use your jump ring (below)**

Pass the jump ring through your wire loop and then attach it to your lace (make sure it's in the centre, so it rests on your neck like a pendant). Tighten the ring using your flat nose pliers.



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**Make a wire loop**

Pass a craft wire through the back of your brooch or button so that it forms a loop at the top. Twist it until it's secure, taping the back if necessary.



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**Clasp it**

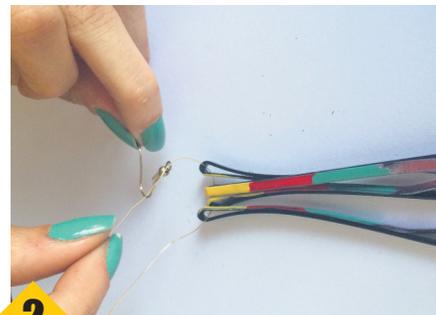
Attach another jump ring to one end of the lace with craft wire. Attach a lobster clasp to the other end, twisting the wire around to secure it and you're done!



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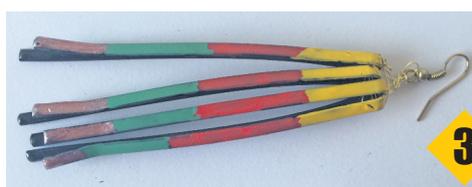
- Coloured nail polish and a top coat.
- Craft or jewellery wire.
- Bobby pins.
- Earring hoops.



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**Paint and string**

Paint your bobby pins with nail polish and then pass a wire through to secure them together.



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**Attach the hoop**

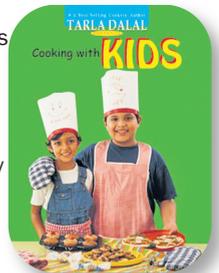
Make a loop with the craft wire and pass it through a earring hoop, making sure it rests in the centre. Top it off with a coat and your earrings are ready!

## « TOP 5: COOKBOOKS FOR KIDS

It is never too early to get experimental in the kitchen. **Shirley Mistry** brings you a roundup of the children's cook books we recommend

**Cooking with Kids by Tarla Dalal**

Tarla Dalal is one of India's most popular cooks. In this book, she has a range of easy cookies, soups, burgers and muffins that children will enjoy making and eating. Also, the recipes clearly indicate where children need to seek adult help and each recipe is graded for difficulty, so they can start at the easy ones and work their way up.



**Price** ₹189

**The Children's Step-by-Step Cookbook by Angela Wilkes**

We really recommend this one. The recipes are illustrated with step-by-step photographs and the ingredients and equipment required are supplemented with photographs too. This way, children know what each item listed looks like, making cooking easier and more fun.

**Price** ₹699

**A First Cookbook for Children by Evelyn Johnson and Christopher Santoro**

Another good cookbook, this one is filled with pizzas, salads, cakes and pasta that are a treat for children to make as well as eat.



**Price** ₹324

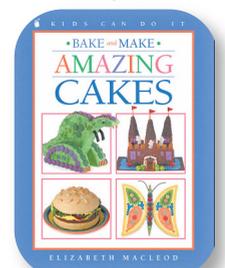
**Kids Cook!: Fabulous Food for the Whole Family by Sarah Williamson, Zachary Williamson**

This book makes it to the list because it is actually written by children — which means that these recipes are certifiably doable and fun to make.

**Price** ₹842

**Bake and Make Amazing Cakes by Elizabeth MacLeod**

This book is filled with 19 easy-to-bake cakes and tons of decorating tips and tricks. Well illustrated, most of the cakes are decorated with candy and chocolate, which means there is no need to bring out the messy piping bags. It also teaches children how to make their own dinosaur, butterfly and cat decorations.



**Price** ₹387