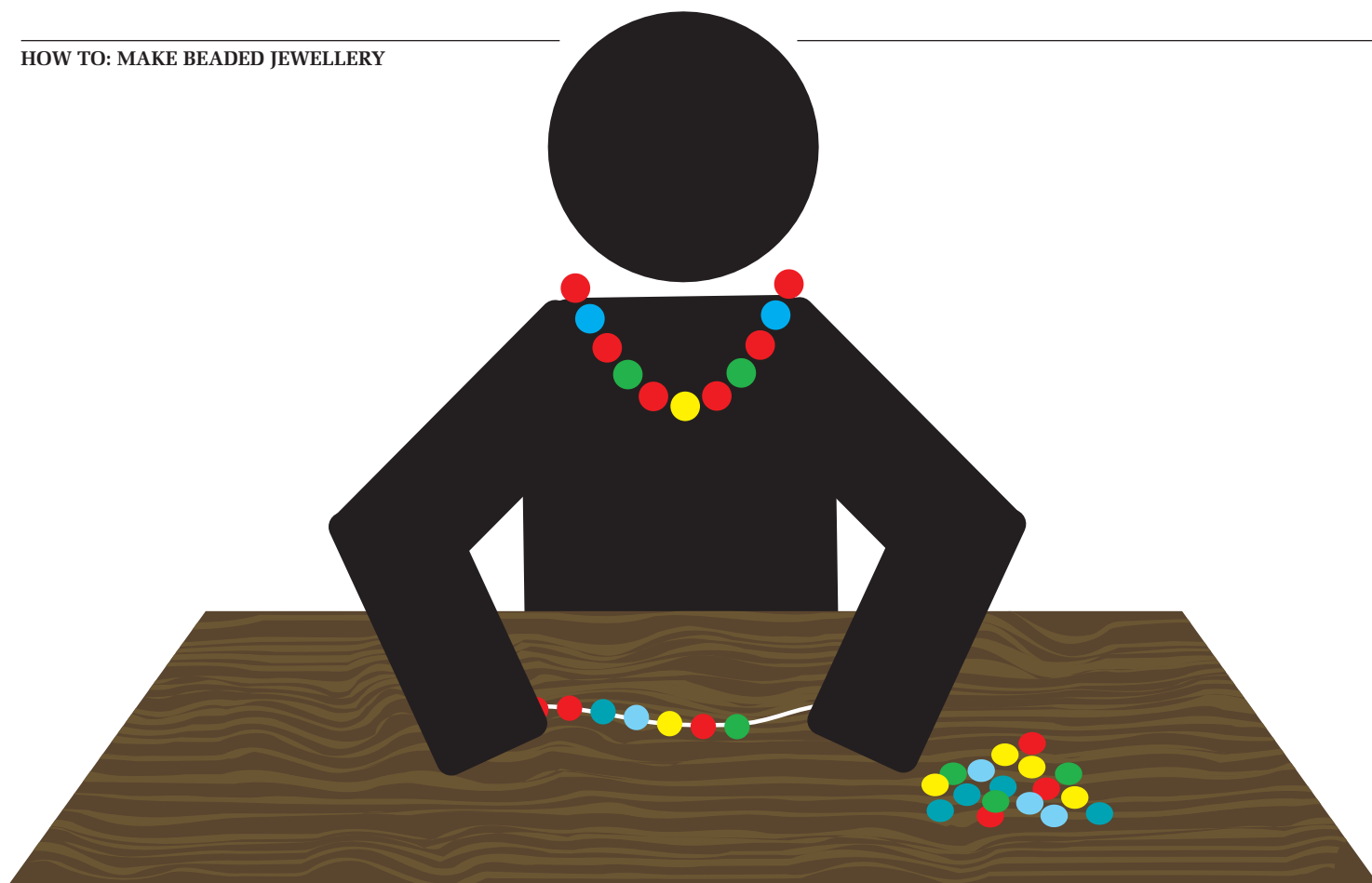


## HOW TO: MAKE BEADED JEWELLERY



# The class bead game



Want to sparkle on a budget?  
**Jo Nightingale** learns how to make  
 beaded jewellery

Unlike my other half, and indeed many men I know, I'm not much of a one for hobbies. I mean, who's got the time to breed tropical fish, build model railways or re-enact historical battles when the bathroom needs cleaning and there's a new series of *True Blood* on FX? Shopping is supposed to be the leisure pursuit of choice for us girls but even this lacks much appeal as a pastime for me, unless we're talking beads, bangles and scarves – which I do buy by the bucketload. So if there was a hobby that indulged these magpie tendencies and taught me something productive, money-saving and creative, it might just draw me in.

The idea of making my own beaded jewellery first struck me last summer, while in idealistic holiday mode down in Weymouth. An Aladdin's cave of a bead shop set me off on all kinds of flights of fancy: not only could I buy more sparkly things than ever if I took this up but it could be a great source of satisfaction, presents for friends and possibly even income. And all from the comfort of my own dining table, once I'd done a bit of, erm, shopping for materials and learned the basic skills.