Resource 14. Native American Jewellery



The Wampanoag tribe were known for their beadwork. They are still famous for using white and purple shell beads. Wampum beads were traded as a kind of currency, but they were more culturally important as an art material.

The designs and pictures on wampum belts often told a story or represented a person's family.

Use purple and white beads and string to recreate some of the Wampanoag Jewellery.

You could put several strings together and form patterns like those shown below.



