





Ms. Cowdrey's Bubblegum Treasure Necklace

Once upon a time, in a land where candy sparkled brighter than jewels, a clever lady discovered a way to turn sweet gumballs into everlasting beads. With a little patience, a touch of sparkle, and a glassy coat of magic, the gumballs would never lose their shine. Instead of being chewed away, they would twinkle forever as a necklace fit for candy royalty. 🍬👑

What You'll Need

- A handful of **real gumballs** (as colorful as you like)
 - **Clear-drying craft sealer** (like Mod Podge)
 - **Epoxy resin** (two-part, clear and shiny)
 - **Toothpicks or skewers** (like candy wands)
 - A **foam block** (to hold the drying treasures)
 - A **drill or bead reamer** (for stringing necklace together)
 - A length of **necklace cord or ribbon** (your choice will be just lovely!)
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The Magical Steps

1. **Seal the Sweetness** 
Brush each gumball with a thin coat of clear sealer. This locks away the sugar inside so it won't fade, shrink, or crack. Let them dry completely—like raindrops turning to glass.
2. **Carve the Path** 
If you'd like to string your necklace, drill a tiny hole straight through the gumball before the magic shell is added. (If you'd rather glue on a little bail later, that works too!)
3. **Dip in Magic Glass** 
Mix your epoxy resin carefully, like a potion. With your gumball held on a toothpick, dip or brush on a thin layer of resin. Watch as it turns shiny and bright, like crystal candy.
4. **Rest and Dream** 
Place the gumball upright in the foam block and let it cure. One layer is lovely, but two or three coats make it strong, like armor for treasure.

5. **String the Jewels** 🎀

When all is dry and sparkling, string your gumballs onto ribbon or cord. Knot the ends, tie a bow, or fasten with jewelry findings.

🌟 **A Note from the Candy Kingdom**

Your bubblegum necklace is no longer for chewing—it's a forever jewel! Treat it gently, keep it away from too much heat or water, and it will always remind you of the day you turned candy into treasure. 💖