

String of Peanuts

Animal(s) served: parrot, raven, macaque, squirrel monkey, raccoon, ringtail, squirrel

Supplies needed: unsalted peanuts (in the shell), natural raffia, heavy duty needle, scissors, pliers

Procedure:



1. Thread a piece of raffia (approximately 24" long) through needle.
2. Push needle through center of peanut (try to avoid the nut inside). You may need to use pliers to help pull the needle through.



3. Continue until there are 4 or 5 peanuts on the raffia.
4. Spread peanuts an inch or so apart and tie the raffia at each end to avoid nuts slipping off.



Please note that all behavioral enrichment (BE) items must be approved by zoo staff. Animal health, behaviors and dietary requirements often change, making some BE offerings inappropriate. There are also some items that the zoo sanctuary gets in great numbers; more than we can use. It is a good idea to check before making any enrichment item to assure it will be enjoyed by the animal(s) of your choice.