

## **Beads of Courage Construction Guidelines**

Members asked to have details on the criteria for making these containers.

(Source: <https://beadsofcourage.org/bead-bowls/> )

**Dimensions:** Interior for turned boxes: 6" diameter (5" min.), 5" height (4" min.)  
Interior for flatwork boxes: 4"x6"x4"

**Base and lids:** Box bases should be wide enough so the box is stable and does not tip over easily. Lids for Beads of Courage boxes should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate so they don't break.

**Design considerations:** Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or be damaged.

**Finishes:** Bowls must be safely sealed (polyurethane suggested). Please use a safe finishing process without toxic materials. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold which is dangerous to our members with compromised immune systems. Do not use finishes like linseed oil or other finishes that take a long time to outgas. Refrain from painting the boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning.

Our club provides beads and cards to members who make these. They can be turned in at any meeting or by contacting coordinator Bruce Peek or Kathy Allen.