Some info regarding Malas...

Malas are used for keeping count while reciting, chanting, or mentally repeating a mantra or the name or names of a deity. This sādhanā (practice) is known in Sanskrit as japa. Malas and bracelets are typically made with 18, 27, 54 or **108 beads**.

- The diameter of the Sun is 108 times the diameter of the Earth. The distance from the Sun to the Earth is 108 times the diameter of the Sun.
- The average distance of the Moon from the Earth is 108 times the diameter of the Moon.
- In Ayurveda, there are 108 "Marma" points that are vital for giving life to living beings.
- The powerful Sri Chakra yantra intersects in 54 points each with a masculine and feminine quality, totaling to 108.
- In Indian astrology we have 12 houses and 9 planets. 12 times 9 equals to 108.
- In Tantra, it is estimated that every day we breathe 21,600 times out of which 10,800 are solar energy and 10,800 are lunar energy. Multiplying 108 X 100 is 10,800.
- The famous saint Bharata wrote "The Natya Shastra" which has 108 karanas (Movement of hand and feet)
- There are 54 letters in Sanskrit each can be mentioned as masculine (Shiva) and feminine (Shakti) aspect, totalling to 108.
- There are 108 Puranas and 108 Upanishads.

- 9 times 12: Both of these numbers have been said to have spiritual significance in many traditions. 9 times 12 is 108. Also, 1 plus 8 equals 9. That 9 times 12 equals 108.
- Powers of 1, 2, and 3 in math: 1 to 1st power=1; 2 to 2nd power=4 (2×2); 3 to 3rd power=27 (3x3x3). 1x4x27=108
- Harshad number: 108 is a Harshad number, which is an integer divisible by the sum of its digits (Harshad is from Sanskrit, and means "great joy")

Desires:

- There are said to be 108 earthly desires in mortals.
- There are said to be 108 lies that humans tell.
- Delusions: There are said to be 108 human delusions or forms of ignorance.

Heart Chakra:

The chakras are the intersections of energy lines, and there are said to be a total of 108 energy lines converging to form the heart chakra. One of them, sushumna leads to the crown chakra, and is said to be the path to Self-realization.

Number 9 is the number of Universal love, eternity, faith, Universal Spiritual Laws, the concept of karma, spiritual enlightenment, spiritual awakening, service to humanity, humanitarianism and the humanitarian, lightworking and lightworkers, leading by positive example, philanthropy and the philanthropist, charity, self-sacrifice, selflessness, destiny, life purpose and soul mission, generosity, a a higher perspective, romance, inner-strength, public relations, responsibility, intuition, strength of character.

The number 9 also resonates with learning to say 'No', creative abilities, sensitivity, loyalty, generalist, discretion, brilliance, problem-solving, inner-wisdom, self-love, freedom, popularity, high ideals, tolerance, humility, altruism and benevolence, empathy, non-conformity, artistic genius, an expansive viewpoint, eccentricity, communication, influence, perfection, magnetism, understanding, forgiveness, compassion and sympathy, the visionary, duty and calling, obligation, mysticism, optimism and Divine wisdom.

The qualities of the number 9 are those of leadership, the ability to see clearly, integration, the three worlds – physical, intellectual, spirituality, last symbol before return to unity, ability to understand, inborn talents, compulsions, introspection, personal integrity, unity, truth, the Seer, artistry, high moral sense, good advisor.perfection, concord, dissolves ego attachments, challenges faced in looking for your own wisdom.

Types of beads I play with are varied but agate, jasper, hematite, quartz & tiger eye are amount the most used.

Here's a site I've used for years that provides rich insight into numbers:

Sacred Scribes Joanne Walmsley: ANGEL NUMBERS

Here's some info on colors of chakra:

<u>Understanding Your Chakra Colors, Meanings & Functions</u>

<u>(7chakracolors.com)</u>