



Bug Bonanza

Learn about insects in these hands-on activities.

Insect Fossils

Suggested Materials:

- PlayDoh (You can also make some with this [no cook recipe](#).)
- Plastic insects in a variety of sizes (or try using plastic dinosaurs or animals)
- Magnifying glass (optional)
- Tweezers

Directions:

1. Make insect fossils by rolling out some playdough and pressing a variety of insects (or other creatures) into it.
2. Try extracting the bugs with tweezers. When you remove it, you have an imprint that looks like a fossil.
3. Look closely at the insects using the magnifying glass.



Paper Caterpillar

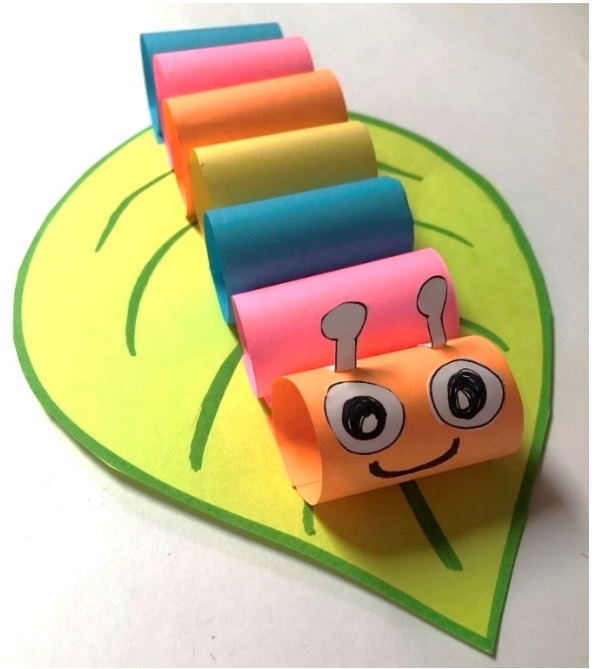
Suggested Materials:

- 4 - 8½"x11" sheets of coloured paper
- 1 - 8½"x11" sheet of green paper
- 1 sheet of white paper
- Glue (or tape)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Coloured markers



Directions:

1. Draw a large leaf to fill the green sheet of construction paper. Draw the outline and veins with a marker.
2. Cut out the leaf and set aside.
3. Next choose 3-4 sheets of coloured construction paper and draw 2-inch strips.
4. Cut out the different coloured strips. You will need 7- 8 strips total.
5. Next, begin gluing one side of the strip to the other to form loops.
6. Glue (or tape) each loop in a line formation to the middle of the leaf. Have fun with patterns. You can use the colours of foods that the *Very Hungry Caterpillar* ate if you like.
7. When the paper loops are glued, draw eyes and antennas on the white sheet of paper and glue them to the first loop to create the caterpillar's face.



Bug Headband

Suggested Materials:

- Coloured papers (white, green and black is great or whatever colours you like.)
- Scissors
- Glue (or tape)
- 2 pom-poms (optional)
- 2 pipe cleaners
- Stapler



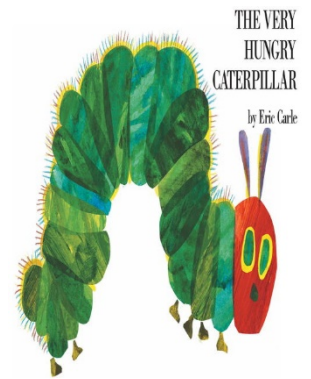
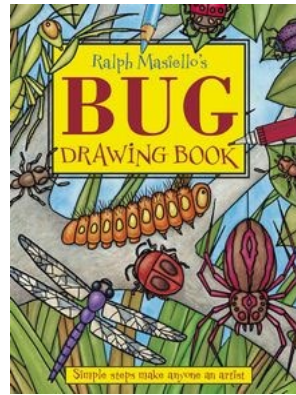
Directions:

1. Cut a strip of paper long enough to wrap around your head. You may have to tape two pieces together.
2. Cut out two medium oval shapes out of the white paper.
3. Next cut out two smaller round black circles.
4. Glue the two white ovals to the middle of the strip of paper and glue the black circles onto the white paper to make eyes.
5. If using pom-poms, glue one pom-pom to the end of each pipe cleaner.
6. Place the headband around your head to find a comfortable fit and staple or tape it together at the back.
7. Attach the antennae to the rear of the headband using more tape or staples.
8. Try making a ladybug with red white and black paper. Or a spider with black paper and lots of legs. You could attach wings onto the back of your headband and make a butterfly.



Links to eResources:

Check out our [eBooks](#) on these topics:



[Caterpillar](#) | [Insects](#) | [Paper Crafts](#)

Do a TumbleSearch for Insects in [Tumblebooks](#). Discover how amazing insects are with this junior field guide for backyard explorers. Search for *Don't Squash that Bug* in Tumblebooks.



Watch Henry meet a caterpillar in *The Day Henry Met a Caterpillar* on Kanopy Kids. Wibbly Pig finds a new caterpillar friend in episode 42 of *Wibbly Pig* – watch on [Kanopy Kids](#).

You can get a library card [here](#), if you don't already have one.

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