



Mini beasts - Art and craft Activities



Foam Butterfly

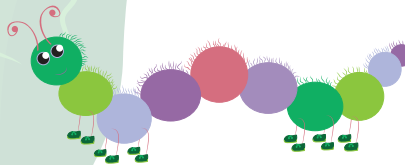
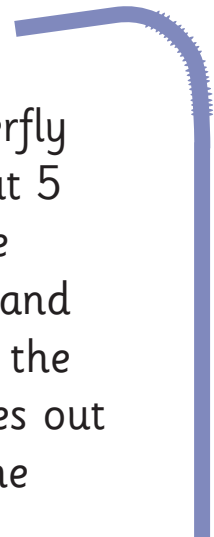


You will need – (per child)

3 rectangular foam sheets; plastic straw; scissors; sticky tape; glue stick.

What you do

Fold a foam sheet in half and cut out half a butterfly shape. Snip down into the top of your straw about 5 cms(2 ins) and pull the two bits apart to make the butterfly's antennae. Unfold your butterfly shape and stick the straw (With the antennae sticking out at the top) onto the butterfly with sticky tape. Cut shapes out of the other pieces of foam and glue them onto the butterfly.



Spoon Bug

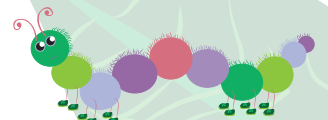
You will need – (Per child-group of 6)

air drying clay; 3 cotton buds; scissors; plastic teaspoons; paints.



What you do

Let the children roll their lump of clay into a ball and push it into their spoon, making sure that it's stuck in. Cut the 3 cotton buds in half for the bug's legs and stick each one into the clay. When the clay has dried, flip the bug out and paint it.





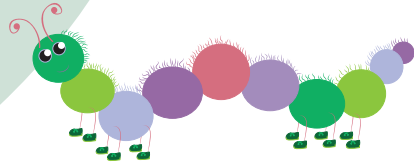
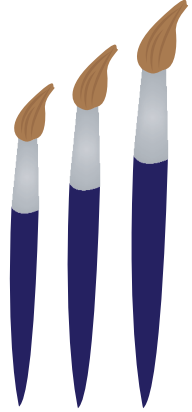
Fold over Butterflies

You will need

Sheets of paper; coloured paints; paint brushes

What you do

Let the children fold the paper in half and then open it out again. Dab blobs of different coloured paints onto one half of the paper. Fold the paper again and press down firmly. Unfold the paper to reveal a beautiful butterfly.



Caterpillar Eggbox

You will need – (Per Child)

1 strip of card 8cms by 30cms (3 ins by 12 ins); 1 empty egg box; scissors; strong glue and glue brush); Pipe cleaners and wiggle eyes; Paints.

What you do

Let the children cut off the lid and separate the egg box cups. Paint 5 cups and turn the 6th upside down and make a face (Use wiggle eyes and pipe cleaner for antennae). Starting with the face, glue the upside down cups onto the card in a long line.

