

Activity Time

(Recommended for ages 3-6)

Insects

These activities are not for children under 3 years. Adult supervision is recommended.

Crafts: *You will need the following materials*

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| - Construction paper | - Toilet paper roll | - Glue |
| - Pipe cleaners & clothespins | - Pom poms | - Coffee filter |
| - Black card stock paper | - Googly eyes | - Washable markers |
| - Pencil, crayons, & markers | - Scissors & hole punch | - Crepe or tissue paper |

Handprint Butterfly

Supplies:

- Construction paper
- Pipe cleaner
- Craft stick
- Pom poms
- Googly eyes
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Markers
- Glue



Directions:

1. Fold the piece of construction paper in half. Place your hand on the folded edge of the paper (so that the fold in the paper is in the middle of the palm). Trace around your hand.
2. Cut out the handprint. Open it and color a pattern on both sides of the butterfly.
3. Cut a pipe cleaner to be approximately 4 inches long.
4. Fold the pipe cleaner in half, into a V shape.
5. Glue the pipe cleaner to one end of the craft stick.
6. Glue the larger pom pom, then the smaller pom poms to the craft stick. Leave about 2 inches of the stick empty so you'll be able to hold the butterfly as a puppet.
7. Glue the googly eyes to the large pom pom.
8. Glue the craft stick body onto the paper handprint.

<https://onelittleproject.com/handprint-butterfly/>

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Caterpillar to Butterfly

Supplies:

- Coffee filter
- Washable markers
- Spray bottle with water (or cup of water)
- Clothespin
- Pom poms
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Toilet paper roll
- White paper (optional)



Directions:

1. Color the coffee filter with markers.
2. When you're finished coloring you may spray the coffee filter with water (to blend the colors). Let the filter dry. If you don't have a spray bottle, you can blend the colors by dipping the coffee filter in a cup of water. Simply fold the coffee filter in half, fold it in half again, then fold it in half again, and fold it in half one last time. Dip the tip of the coffee filter in the cup of water and hold it there for about 30 seconds. Set the coffee filter on a paper plate and let it dry before you open it.
3. Glue the pom poms onto the clothespin. Then put two googly eyes on the end pom pom closest to the clothespin opening. Let dry.
4. Cover the empty paper roll with white paper (*optional*).
5. Place the coffee filter into the clothespin clip.
6. Fold the wings around the caterpillar and put it into the toilet paper roll.

<https://modernsmalltownmama.com/caterpillar-to-butterfly-craft/>

Ant Finger Puppet

Supplies:

- Black card stock paper
- 3 black pipe cleaners
- Googly eyes
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- White or silver crayon (or marker)
- Glue
- Craft stick (optional)



Directions:

1. Trace 3 circles on the black cardstock paper and cut them out.
2. Glue the googly eyes on one of the circles. Cut out two strips of black cardstock paper and glue them to the back of the head. These will be the antennae. If you'd like, you can cut out two small circles from black paper and glue them on top of the antennae. Draw the ant's mouth with a white crayon.
3. Make 6 holes on the second circle, 3 on each side. Thread the 3 black pipe cleaners through the holes to create the legs.
4. Make 2 holes (big enough for you to stick 2 fingers through) at the bottom of the third circle. If you'd prefer, instead of making holes in the bottom of your puppet, you can tape a craft stick to the back.
5. Glue the head to the body and then glue the bottom of the body to the last circle.

<https://supersimple.com/article/ant-finger-puppets/>

Bee Windsock

Supplies:

- Yellow cardstock paper
- White cardstock (wings)
- Yellow crepe paper (or tissue paper)
- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaners
- Tape
- Scissors
- Glue
- Black marker



Directions:

1. Glue strips of yellow crepe paper (or tissue paper) along the bottom one-third of a yellow piece of cardstock paper.
2. Turn the yellow cardstock paper over. Glue each of the three black bee stripes on the front of your windsock. Glue googly eyes at the top and middle of your bee windsock. Then draw a smile on your bee with a black marker.
3. Wrap two black pipe cleaners around your finger to curl the ends. Turn your windsock face down and tape the antennae at the top of the yellow cardstock.
4. Bend your bee into a circle, connecting the ends together. Place tape at the top and bottom of the windsock to join the ends together. Put glue on the pointy end of the wings and attach them to the back of your windsock. Hold them in place until they are securely in place.
5. Tape (or glue) a black paper strip inside the top of the windsock for a handle.

<https://iheartcraftythings.com/spring-windsock-crafts.html>

Snacks

No-Celery Ants on a Log

Ingredients

- Bell pepper
- Raisins
- Peanut butter

Directions:

1. Remove the seeds and slice the pepper into strips.
2. Spread with peanut butter and add some raisins.

<https://www.superhealthykids.com/recipes/get-kids-eat-veggies-easy-way/>



Lady Bug Pizzas

Rachael Ray, *Yum-O Family Cookbook*

Ingredients

- 4 T pesto
- 2 English muffins (whole wheat or white)
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 4 slices of ripe tomato
- ¼ cup black olives, sliced

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Slice English muffins, so there are 4 separate slices.
3. Spread about a tablespoon of pesto on each slice and top with 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella.
4. Add on your slice of tomato and dot your tomato with olives.
5. Cook for 8 minutes, or until muffin is nice and crispy. Serve warm.

<https://bakingwithblondie.blogspot.com/2012/05/lady-bug-pizzas.html>



Books you may enjoy!

Big Rig Bugs

I Love Bugs!

Fly

The Fly

Caterpillar's Wish

Sleepyhead Bear

I Love Bugs!

Katy Did It!

Bug Dipping, Bug Sipping

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!

My First Book About Insects

Bugs Are Insects

JP Cyrus

JP Dodd

JP Edwards

JP Petr Horacek

JP Murphy

JP Peters

JP Sturges

JP Siomades

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J 595.7 R (Rockwell)