

This month the Arts Team have been inspired by all the mini-beasts our gardens and parks, so we've put together a selection of ideas for making Some of your own.



Gather together your craft materials or ingredients ... and have some creative fun with your friends or family.

Bookworm



Simply glue circles of coloured paper onto a strip of card and decorate ... you could colour sticky labels or use a painted bottle top, cork or finger to print the shapes.



Why not make lots of mini caterpillars from hole punchings?

Beaded caterpillar

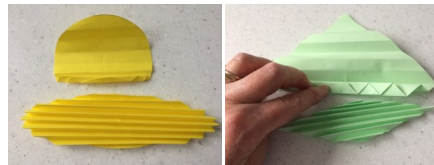
Use a pipe cleaner and coil a head shape. Thread beads on for the body. Cut off any excess pipe cleaner, folding the end to secure the last bead. Glue on eyes, tie on A piece of cord for antennae.



Two beautiful butterflies



Use two squares or circles of paper (2 different sizes works best). Accordion fold the paper (use the square diagonally). *Folding guidelines first, in the same way as for March's Fan-cy Creatures, makes this easier.*



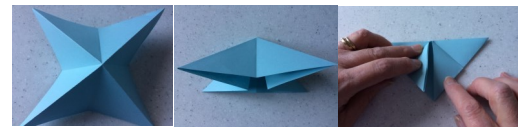
Crease the centre of the folded strips and open up the pleats at the edges to form the wings. Fasten the two pairs of wings together with a little glue then twist the pipe-cleaner around. Trim its ends to form antennae.



Take a square of paper, fold in half and open out, then fold in half the other way and open.

Turn the paper over. Fold diagonally, open, and then fold the other diagonal and open.

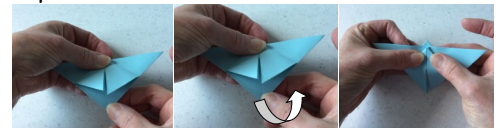
Carefully pinch the centres of the sides together and fold the paper into a triangle.



Place the open edges at the top with what was the centre of the square, towards you.

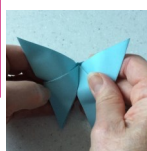
Take one of the top corners and bring it down to meet the bottom point.

Repeat on the other side.



Now take the point that was the centre of the square backwards and fold the tip over to the front at the top of the wings to secure.

Fold the wings together slightly to shape.

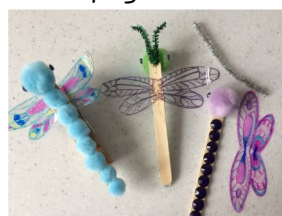


Keep your wellies or your papers together with a dragonfly peg

Dragonfly clips



Use a lolly stick or strip of card for the body and cut wings from waste plastic. Decorate the body by sticking on pom-poms, jewels, sequins or beads. Use a pom-pom for a head and add eyes. Use permanent pens and colour the wings. Glue the wings (and antennae if you like) onto the back of the body, then glue the whole thing onto a wooden clothes peg.



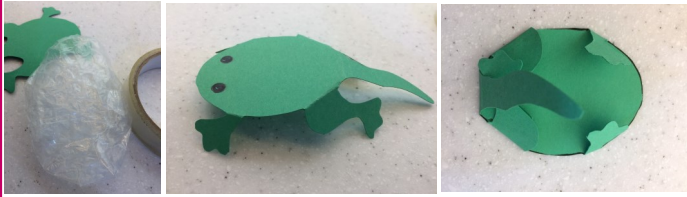
Tadpole to frog



Find out about the life cycle of a frog ...

Cut the frog shape from thin card. Carefully fold the arms to the back, repeat with the legs and finally the tail.

Cut two oval shapes, (slightly larger than the body of the frog) from bubble wrap or a plastic poly-pocket. Use strips of tape to fasten them together around the edges, leaving a gap big enough to put the frog body into the 'egg'. Insert the folded frog.



You can now 'hatch' the frog spawn into a tadpole, 'grow' the back legs and then the front ones. Finally fold the tail back and blu-tac it to give your final frog a good shape.



Fold the feet so that it stands.

Edible bugs

Start with a base: a piece of celery, a strip of bread, a piece of carrot, a cracker etc..

Trim to make sure it stands firmly

Add a soft, sticky layer:

cream cheese,
peanut butter, hummus,
etc.



Then get creative:

baby tomatoes, grapes,
blueberries and olives
all make good heads,



grapes, blueberries, raisins,
strips of carrot etc. make
good bodies

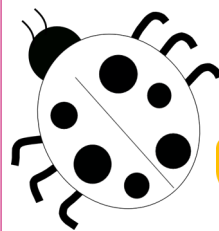
slices of round fruits or
cucumber make snail shells,
slices of cucumber or
strawberry, orange segments,



pretzels or crisps make wings
chives or cress can be antennae.



Add candy eyes or use cream
cheese and raisins/olives



Grab paper, pencils and dice
and enjoy a game of beetle
with your friends
or family.



Remember that all the previous Arts Team ideas can be found in the leaders' area of the Girlguiding Birmingham website and videos can be found on our YouTube channel.

The Arts Team hope you've enjoyed all these activities.

Please let us know how you have got on - we would love to see pictures of your creations too!

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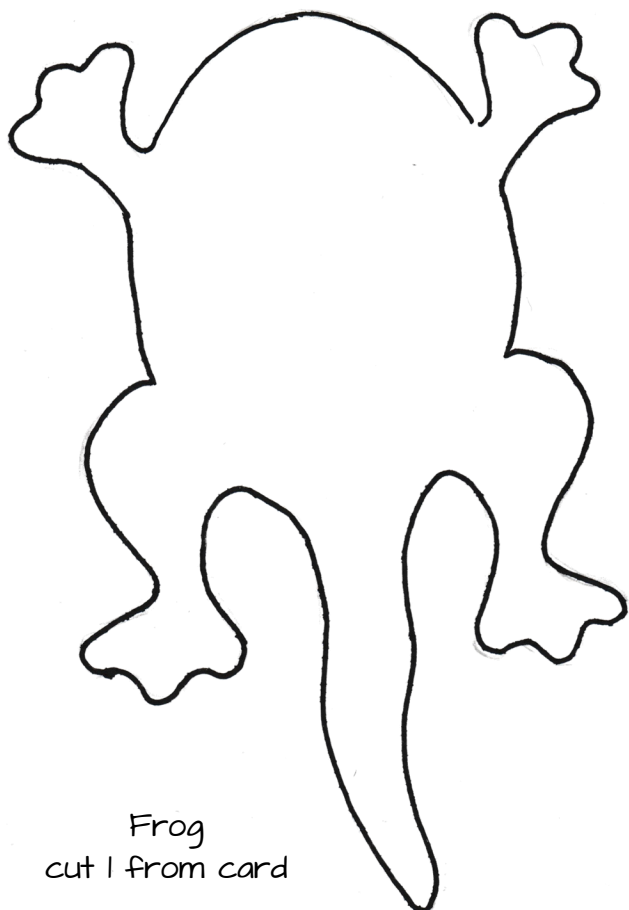
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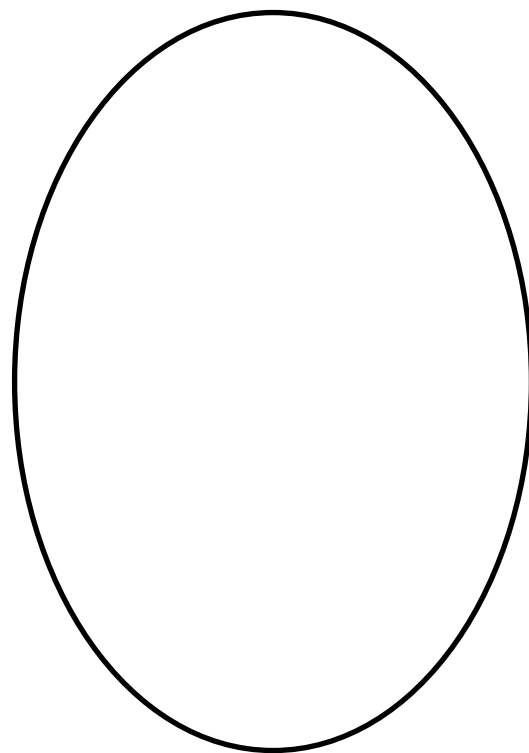
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Take it further: lots of these activities can also be used towards various challenges, skill builders, unit meeting activities and badges.

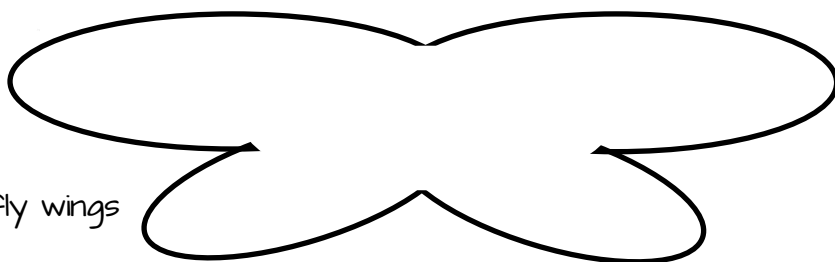
We hope you have had fun ... remember to share what you have done!



Frog
cut 1 from card



Egg-cut 2
from bubble-wrap or clear plastic



Dragonfly wings



Body	Head	Wings	Leg	Spot	Antennae
You must get this first	You need this before you can add antennae		You need 6 of these	You need 6 of these	You need 2 of these