



It's A BUGS Life

WEEK 1

Who doesn't love bugs?! Ok, well some people actually, but this weeks' worth of bug-tastic activities are sure to change that, and please the bug lovers, too. Fun shapes caterpillars, ladybug crowns, and not forgetting the busy little bees, and the funky, fun finale, means the bug loving children will sneak in some learning while he/she is having some creepy, crawly fun...!!!

This week we are doing...

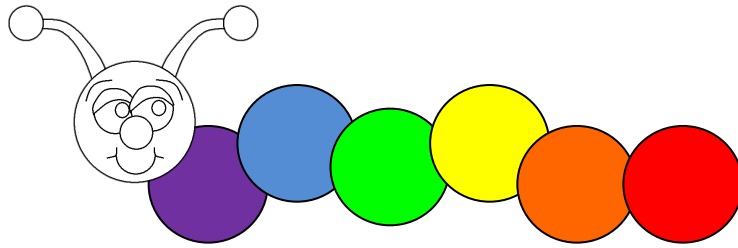


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- Paper Plates
- Construction paper
- Tape
- Child-safe Scissors
- PVA Glue
- Pipe cleaners
- Markers
- Stickers
- Glow stick
- Rubber Bands



Caterpillar Colours and Shapes - Activity 1



Level: Moozy Groovers 1 and 2

Action: Music, Song and Art

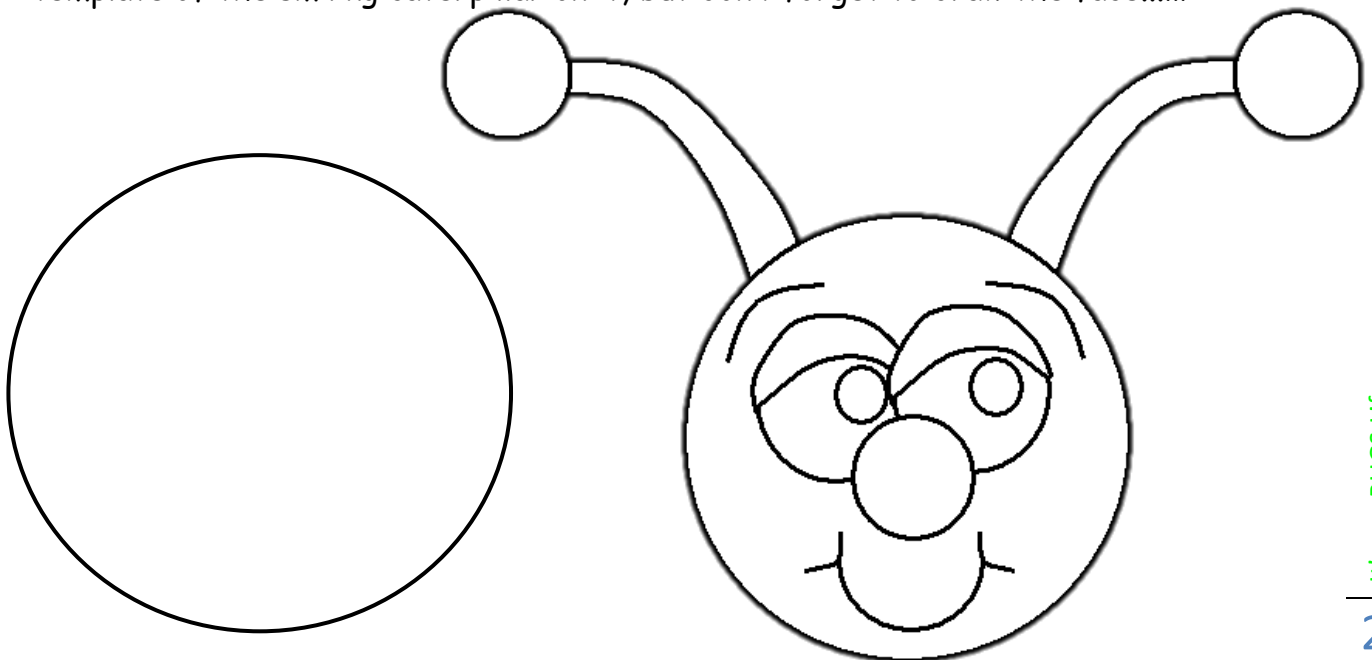
This caterpillar activity makes fun learning for children. They will learn about shapes, colours, numbers, counting and emotions, with caterpillar's smiling face, not forgetting the rhyme, which helps and develops your child's literacy and numeracy skills. This activity also helps their motor skills and gives them oodles of confidence. Children can play around for hours after, with the fun colour circles by placing them in the same order as they recite the rhyme.

What we need...

- Coloured construction paper, in purple, blue, green, yellow, orange, red and white
- Child safe scissors
- Markers
- Sticky Tape

What we do...

Using the circle template, cut one circle of each colour, then on white, cut the template of the smiling caterpillar on it, but don't forget to draw the face...!!!



GREAT...., now you have done that, let's start our rhyme and build our own smiling caterpillar and count the colours too....!!!

Get the children ready with their pointy fingers and....

HERE WE GO....!!!!

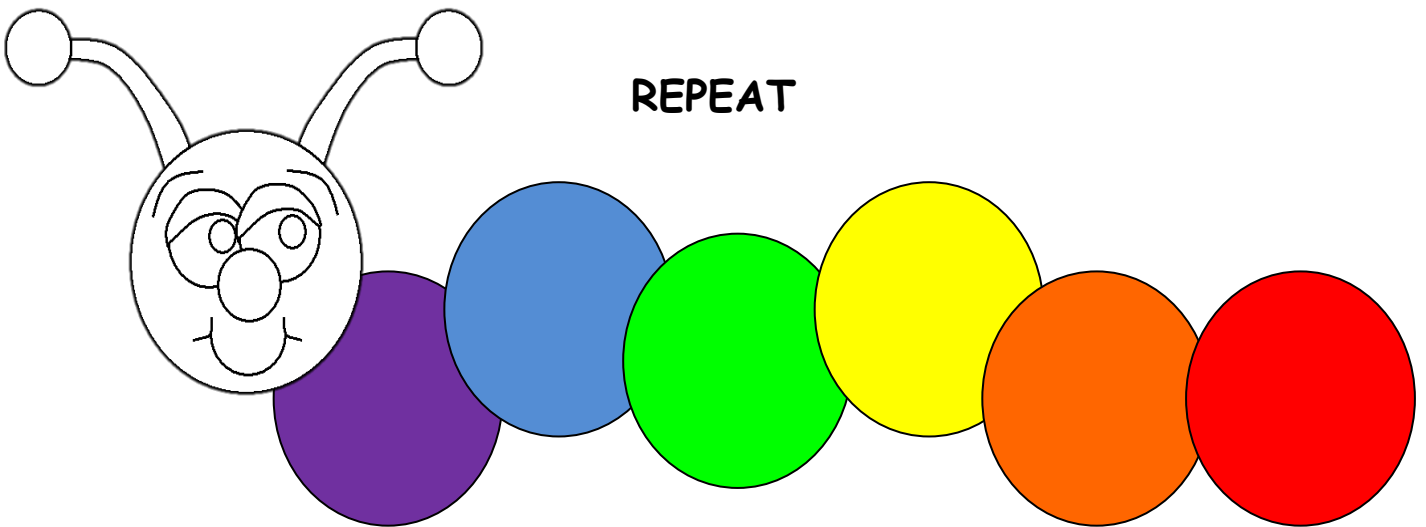
My Happy Little Caterpillar

Tune: Hush Little Baby

Circle Purple,
Circle Blue,
Circle Green
And Yellow too.
Circle Orange
Circle Red,
Circle Smiling overhead.

Come and Count the Colours with me,
How many Colours do you see..??
1,2,3, Colours down to Green,
4,5,6, Colours can be seen.

REPEAT



This activity could also be done using large cardboard boxes with a group of children learning their colours and numbers and where they fit within the rhyme.

Bouncy-Pillar Paper Craft - Activity 2

Level: Moozy Groovers 1 and 2

Action: Music, Song and Art

This bouncy caterpillar is great thematic fun to make and even more fun to play with! It is ideal for helping those motor skills with the cutting, joining and folding. The children also identify colours and shapes, while watching their craft do fun things; like bounce about, as they learn the life cycle of the caterpillar in a fun action 'One Little Caterpillar' poem.

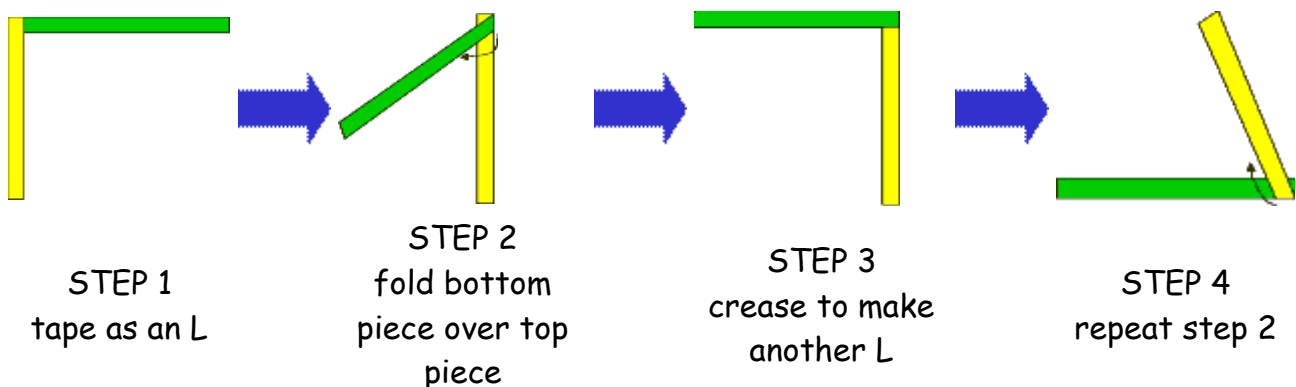
What we need:

- One or two colors of construction paper
- Scissors,
- Tape or glue,
- Markers



What we do:

- Cut two strips of construction paper about 1 or 2 inches wide and 11 inches long (it doesn't have to be exact).
- Tape the pieces of paper together in an L shape (be careful not to cover the whole thing with tape so you can draw a face on ... it's best to use a rolled up piece of tape to stick the pieces together).
- Accordion fold the paper (see the diagrams below if you don't know how to accordion fold paper)



- Continue until you've folded the entire thing and tape the end
- Use markers to draw a face on the front of your caterpillar
- Optional: cut a couple of tiny pieces of paper about 3 inches long and roll them up then unroll them (so they're curly)
- Glue them onto the head as antennae.

One Little Caterpillar Activity

Level: Moozy Groovers 1 and 2

Action: Music, Song and Art

Children get to learn all about caterpillars with this activity. They will learn the complete metamorphosis of the caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly. This is done through a catchy little rhyme that goes stage by stage from caterpillar to butterfly. This great activity promotes good listening and literacy skills, not forgetting, how much the children will understand the world around them, even through creepy crawlies...!!!

One Little Caterpillar

Tune: Ten Green Bottles



One Little Caterpillar
Sitting on the tree
Munching, munching,
Munching on the leaves.

Fat Little Caterpillar
Feeling sleepy,
Snoozing, snoozing,
Snoozing happily.

OH, My Goodness,
One day Suddenly,
Flying, flying,
Flying Beautifully.

I see a Big Butterfly,
From flower to flower it flies,
Fluttering, fluttering,
Fluttering way up high.



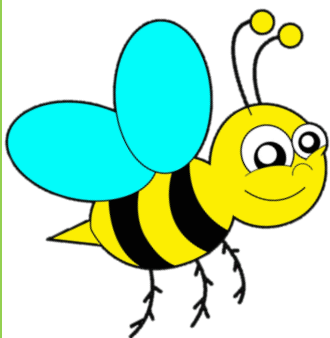
To Bee or not to Bee - Activity 3

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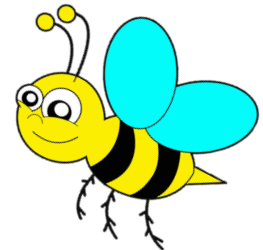
Action: Music, Art and Dance

This is another great activity to encourage children to count and learn about other creatures. The rhyme helps children to process information about the bees and counting using their hands and fingers, promoting motor skills. Why not try counting in different languages. See our tables below for a few...!!!

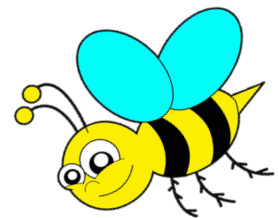
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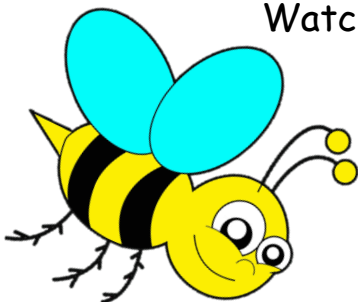
Here's the beehive, Where are the bees..??
(Hold up fist)



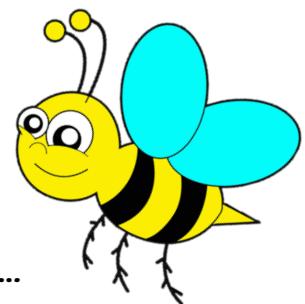
Hidden away, Where nobody sees...
(Move other hand around the fist)



Watch and you will see them come out of the hive,
(Bend head close to fist)



One, two, three, four, five
(Hold fingers up one at a time)



BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ, they all fly away...

Now count the bees in different languages:

Paper Plate Bumblebee Craft

Level: Moozy Groovers 1 and 2

Action: Music, Art and Dance

This Bee Craft is a fun way for children to learn the anatomy of the Bee by creating a big bright bumble bee to fun with. It improves motor skills, teaches shapes and colours, most importantly, children learn about the bee, it's home and what it does.

What we need:

- Paper plate
- Waxed paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Glue
- Coloured construction paper
- Yellow and black markers or paint



What we do:

- Paint the paper plate yellow.
- Using black paint, markers, or construction paper strips, add stripes to the plate.
- Put on a face with a black marker pen, or use paper cut outs, or googly eyes.
- Cut two wings out of waxed paper or construction paper (optional: trace children's feet for wings, make it personal)
- Attach with tape.
- Cut a triangle out of black construction paper for the bee's stinger.
- Cut a strip of card (cereal box) and attach to bottom of plate, then make your Bumble Bee 'fly'.

Now the children are ready for our 'Busy Buzzing Bee' Song and Dance

Ladybug Crown - Activity 4

Level: Moozy Groovers 1 and 2

Action: Music, Art and Dance

This activity offers children lots of fun making a slightly more challenging craft. The use of scissors to cut out the shapes, and identifying colours, then creating the crown helps not only their motor skills and the anatomy of ladybugs, it further challenges them by being more creative with different mediums, such as ravelling pipe cleaners around a pencil to create a spiral antenna...!!!

What we need:

- Red and black construction paper
- 2 pipe cleaners (we used black)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Tape and glue



What we do:

- Cut 4 hearts from construction paper in black or red (demonstrate to children how to fold paper to make other shapes)
- Cut strips of red construction paper to make band for head. (Tape pieces if needed)
- Cut circles out of black construction paper. Encourage children to go around objects to make circles, or they can try freehand.
- Stick circles onto the long piece of the construction paper.
- Wrap pipe cleaner around a pencil to make a spring which will become the antenna. An adult can help start the child off then hand back to the child to finish off.
- Straighten about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the top and bottom of the spring (so it's easy to tape)
- Repeat the process again with another pipe cleaner.
- Tape heart onto the top of the pipe cleaner and then tape another heart on the other side so both hearts sandwich the pipe cleaner. Repeat the process for the other pipe cleaner.
- Tape both pipe cleaners on the long piece of the construction paper so they sit in front of the head.
- Tape the construction paper and ends together to form a crown and put it on...!!!

Now get children ready to do the 'Ladybug Boogie' Dance.

Bug Carnival - Activity 5

Level: Moozy Groovers 2 and 3

Action: Music, Art and Dance

This activity is ideal for Moozy Groovers 2 and 3 giving them the experience of the life of a bug. Make masks out of paper plates, decorate them like different bugs and get children to behave like the bug of their choice. After making the masks children will enjoy doing a bug dance, 'Carnival Style'...

Children can then parade in the 'Bug Carnival' with vibrant music and dance.



What you will need:

- Small Paper Plates
- Rubber bands
- Paints and markers
- Coloured construction paper
- PVA Glue
- Coloured t-shirts representing colour of bug (old, used, can be painted on)

This activity can be extended to full carnival costumes using back-pack wings.

Let's 'jump', 'sing', dance and 'fly', It's 'Bug Carnival' Time...!!!