

Bug bling- leader's notes

Essential information

Age range:

Key stage 1 and 2

Group size:

Whole class

Time needed:

30 minutes

Curriculum links:

Just for fun

Setting:

Classroom

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Background to activity

In this fun activity children will design and create their own stag beetle bracelet. This is especially good for children who may think beetles are boring or scary!

Materials needed

- Variety of coloured card
- Materials to decorate e.g. pens, glitter, stickers
- Pipe cleaners
- Elastic/string
- Scissors and sticky tape

Running the activity

Children can either draw their own stag beetle body or you could provide a template. Make sure it has no legs, as the pipe cleaners will form these later. After cutting out and decorating the body, cut a pipe cleaner into 3 equal lengths. Turn the body over and secure them horizontally to the body with sticky tape to form 6 legs. Then attach some elastic/string to then tie around the child's wrist.



Extension activities

- Design other insect jewellery e.g. butterfly necklaces, ladybird rings.
- Create puppet versions to perform the stag beetle life cycle.