



Bug Hats

Visitors will experiment by using the materials provided to make different types of bug hats!

Topics	Process Skills	Age Range
Investigation of Bugs	Creativity Fine Motor Skills Representing	

Supplies

- Construction Paper
- Pipe Cleaners
- Pompoms
- Feathers
- Other Decorating Materials (Optional)
- Tape
- Markers
- Scissors

Advanced Preparation

- Gather the materials.
- Cut the construction paper into long strips about 2-4 inches wide.

Set Up

- Place out appropriate activity sign.
- Put out strips of construction paper.
- Put out tape dispenser & markers.
- Provide pipe cleaners, pompoms, feathers, etc.

Procedure

- Grab two strips of paper and measure them on your head.
- Tape them together.
- Next, tape pipe cleaners inside your hat for the bug antennae.
- You can attach fuzzy balls or feather to the end of the pipe cleaners.
- Decorate your bug hat any way you want.
- Now you can wear your new bug hat!

Discussion Questions

Explore the children's knowledge on the subject through open-ended questions.

Ask:

- What type of bug are you?
- Do you know that insects use their antennae to touch, taste, and smell?
- What do you use on your body to touch, taste, and smell?

Explanation

The following is a sample of some scientific explanations behind this subject.

Most insects use their antennae to smell! Many insects "hear" with receptors located on their legs or abdomens, not with their antennae.