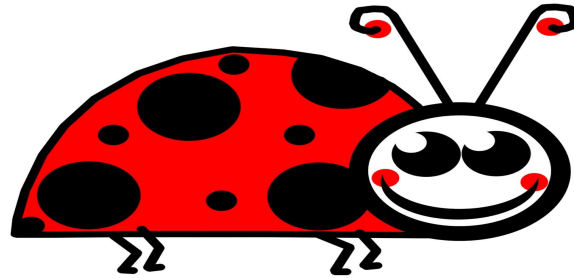


Bringing Insects inside!



**Theme:** Insects

**Curriculum area:** Arts and crafts/ science

Many insects we want to pick up outside shouldn't leave their environment. For that reason, we are able to make our own insect friends inside with common household items. Lady bugs, which is the bug I recreated, can eat plant pests such as aphids, scale bugs, and mealybugs, and they have huge appetites: a single ladybug can eat 5000 aphids across its lifetime! Also, Lady bugs aren't actually bugs, but rather beetles that fall under the order of Coleoptera.

**Ages:** 6+ or with parent supervision

**Materials Needed:**

- Toilet paper roll
- Black sharpie
- pencil
- Construction paper: black, red
- Glue
- Paint: black, white
- Paint brush
- Scissors

**Developmental Objectives/Domains:**

- Understanding of different parts of insect
- Development of real life science while connecting it with arts and crafts
- Realization of giving direction as an important step for success

**Procedure:**

Step 1: paint toilet paper roll black with paint, then allow to dry

Step 2: draw out circle for wing

Step 3: draw designs on wing

Step 4: cut out the circle and cut in half straight down the middle

Step 5: cut out two long strips for Antenna

Step 6: glue on wings

Step 7: glue on antenna

Step 8: paint on eyes in the middle of antenna and wings

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