

HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

Slide the modelling stick back and forth to make the hungry caterpillar move!



You will need:

- Bamboo modelling stick
- Pom-pom
- Stripy pipecleaner
- Green paper
- Wiggle eyes

Other things you'll need:

- Hole punch (a single hole punch works best)
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Glue (a hot glue gun works best)

How to make it:

- 1 Cut out a leaf shape from green paper. You can use the template on page 2 to help you.
- 2 Fold the leaf in half lengthways. Then concertina fold it widthways. Open the leaf back out.
TIP: Try making the concertina folds at a 45 degree angle. This produces a more natural leaf vein pattern.
- 3 Use a hole punch to make holes in the leaf here and there to represent areas the caterpillar has munched away.
- 4 Next, cut a strip of green paper about 3.5cm x 6cm. Coil the long edge of the piece of paper around the modelling stick (not too tight because you want the stick to slide easily). Remove from the stick and secure the coil with sticky tape. This gives you a paper tube 3.5cm long.
- 5 Glue the paper tube onto the leaf at one of the pointed ends and within the central fold.
- 6 Cut a piece of stripy pipecleaner about 10-12cm long. Fold back about 1cm at one end and about 2cm at the other. This gives you more surface area for gluing the caterpillar together.
- 7 Bend the pipecleaner into a curve shape.

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- 8 Thread the modelling stick through the paper tube. Glue the pipecleaner (at the end with 1cm folded back) onto the paper tube with a glue gun. Give it a minute to set before moving on.
- 9 Glue the other end of the pipecleaner onto the end of the modelling stick with the glue gun. Then glue a pom-pom on top to make the caterpillar's head.
- 10 Finish by gluing on wiggle eyes.

When the glue has dried completely you can have fun making the caterpillar move on the leaf: hold the leaf in one hand while gently sliding the modelling stick back and forth with the other.

