

How to Make a Lightning Bug!

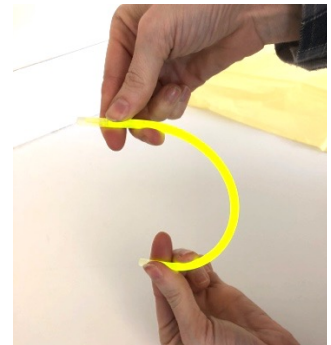
Step 1

Get together your supplies!
You'll need 1 water bottle, 2 googly eyes, 3 pipe cleaner, 2 foam wings, 1/4 a piece of tissue paper, and 1 glow stick.



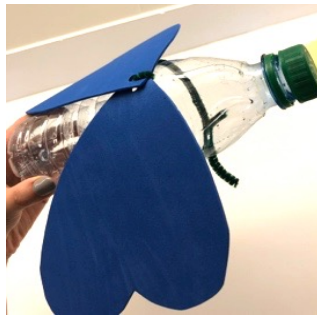
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Pick your favorite color of glow stick and bend it to make it light up.



Step 2

Put 1 pipe cleaner through the holes of the foam wings and wrap it around water bottle 1/3 the way down the bottle. Twist at bottom to form your bug's front legs.



Step 6

Wrap your glow stick in tissue paper and put it in the bottle. Your bug is now lighting up!

Don't forget to put the cap back on the bottle.



Step 3

Take another pipe cleaner and wrap it around water bottle 2/3 way down the bottle. Twist at bottom to form your bug's back legs.



Step 7

Stick 2 googly eyes on the bottle lid so that your bugs can see.



Step 4

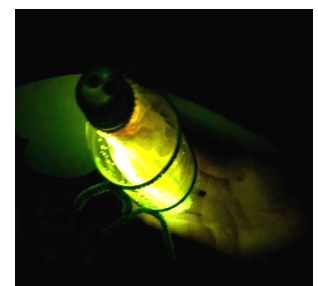
Take another pipe cleaner and twist it around the neck of the bottle to make your bug's antenna.



Step 8

Now whenever your bug is in the dark, it'll glow.

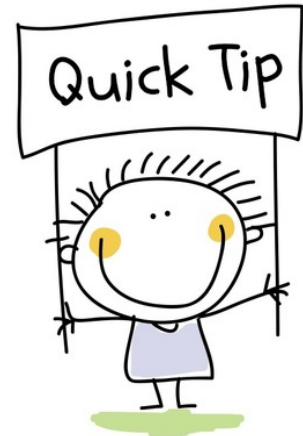
Enjoy playing with your bug!



Lightning Bug Craft

Purpose

- This activity will help your child develop their fine motor skills. These skills involve using their hands to perform important everyday activities such as buttoning up shirts, using pencils, or brushing teeth. Working on these fine motor skills will help your child become more independent in their life skills.
- Creating a lightning bug will give your child the opportunity to be creative and to have fun. There are many colors and materials your child can use to create their bug. Your child can create the bug however they would like based on their use of imagination!



Materials/Supplies

- The materials used for this craft are readily accessible and available to purchase at many locations such as Walmart, Target, Amazon, or any craft stores.
- Glue and tape are typically not used. There are also no sharp objects that will be used. This will create a safer environment for your child to make their lightning bug.

Ways to Make the Activity Easier

- Using tape to attach the pipe cleaner legs on the bottle instead of twisting them.
- Threading the pipe cleaner through the foam wings for your child.
- Using tape to attach the foam wings if your child is having difficulty threading the pipe cleaner through the wings.
- Giving fewer options of colors for supplies if they are feeling overwhelmed.
- Having your child use the step-by-step instruction sheet with pictures to create the craft.
- Providing verbal instructions to your child or hand-over-hand assistance when they are having trouble.

Ways to Make the Activity Harder

- Letting your child cut and prepare the supplies themselves.
- Giving more options of colors for supplies if your child wants to use different materials to customize their bug.
- Having your child follow written step-by-step instructions without any pictures.
- Testing to see if your child remembers the steps without using an instruction sheet at all.