

Love Your Chelmsford Activities

How to make a bottle bug



You will need:

- Small plastic soda bottle, empty, clean and with the label removed
- Coloured paper/card for wings and back
- Three 12 inch pipe cleaners in green or black, for the legs
- Two sticky eyes
- One 12 inch pipe cleaner in gold, silver, or black (for the antennae)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Clear tape

Instructions:

1. Make sure the bottle is completely dry before you start.
2. Twist three 12 inch green or black pipe cleaners around the middle of the bottle as shown. Give them a twist to secure them, and then bend them to look like legs.
3. Cut a rectangle of coloured paper/card and wrap around the bottle. (Don't have it wrap completely. Cut the rectangle slightly smaller so that it doesn't cover where the legs stand out. Glue the paper down (as shown).
4. Fold another piece of paper/card in half. Cut a wing-like shape, using the fold to create mirror images of the wings. Glue these on top of the firefly's body.
5. Screw the cap on the bottle. Glue two eyes on to the lid. Then, wrap a 12 inch gold pipe cleaner around the neck of the bottle, twist to secure, and curl the ends to be the bug's antennae.

