



Body Pattern

Put seed out for the birds. Use a flat platform feeder so they can spread the seeds out. Many songbirds like a mixture of thistle, corn, sunflower, and safflower seeds.

Draw and color a picture of the first flower you see. Take a magnetic sheet (with adhesive front) and stick it to your drawing. Trim around the picture for a refrigerator-ready piece of art.

Learn to whistle using a blade of grass. Take a blade of grass about 4" long and 1/4" - 1/2" wide. Hold it between your thumbs, stretching it really tight, and blow gently.

Put a bucket outside and measure how much rain it contains after one week. Gentle spring rains give seeds the water they need—April showers really do bring May flowers.

Paint with mud! Take a large sheet of butcher paper and lay it outside. Place some mud in a plastic container and use your fingers to create a picture.

Throw a backyard scavenger hunt. Look for (but don't disturb): a ladybug, a dandelion, a bird's nest, a worm, a butterfly.

Keep a sun journal recording when the sun sets. Because days become longer in the spring, you'll find the number of daylight hours increasing.

Make a ladybug pizza. After a parent has made your favorite pizza dough, cover the pizza with tomato sauce and place halved black olives across the top.

Bring some spring inside. Place plastic seedling trays (removable for watering) inside a wooden box. Fill the trays an inch from the top with potting soil, then plant your favorite seeds. Don't forget to water!

Create a sunny-themed umbrella. Spread newspaper out. Use fabric paints/pens to decorate each section of the umbrella. Dry for one day before closing or carrying in the rain.

Spring is the perfect time to get out of the house and explore! This little caterpillar gives you great suggestions for fun things to do now that warmer weather is coming.

**Materials:**

Construction Paper and Regular Printer Paper
Sticker Paper
Scissors
Tape
Glue

Step 1: Print**Bug's Head:**

Load regular paper following printer instructions. (Handle paper by the edges to avoid fingerprints.) Using your ink-jet printer, print the **Activity Bug Head Template**. (For best results, load only one sheet at a time.) You can substitute regular printer paper for the construction paper but the bug will not be as sturdy.

Activities: Load regular printer paper. Print the **Activities Template**.

Stickers: Load sticker paper following printer instructions. (Handle paper by the edges to avoid fingerprints.) Print **Sticker Template** following manufacturer's instructions. (For best results, load only one sheet at a time.) Let sticker paper dry several minutes before handling.

Tips & Tricks:

- To select the proper print settings in Adobe Acrobat click Print; in the print dialogue box select properties; choose the appropriate paper type; and then select the highest print quality.
- We recommend that you run a test print on regular paper to double-check the layout and design. (If problems occur, check your printer manual for additional printing instructions.)

Step 3: Cut

Cut out the caterpillar's head, activity pieces, and stickers. Using different colors of construction paper, cut 10 round pieces using the pattern piece as a template. This will act as the bug's body.

Step 4: Tape

Tape the head and each of the 10 body pieces together. We staggered the body pieces to give the appearance that the caterpillar was moving.

Step 5: Activity Pieces

Fold the activity squares along the dotted lines. On the front of each piece, decorate with a character sticker. Glue the activity pieces to the bug's body (see diagram). Attach a small sticker to each square to keep it closed until your child peels off the sticker and reveals the activity.

Step 6: Display

Display the bug on a wall or refrigerator.