

How to make... a Frog Fly Catcher

Suitable for ages 5 - 11 independent working
Suitable for ages 3 - 4 with adult help

You will need:

- Toilet roll tube
- Paper (coloured if you have it)
- String, ribbon or wool
- Bead, paper clip or a penny
- Felt tip pens or colouring pencils
- Glue
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stapler (optional)
- Access to a printer (optional)

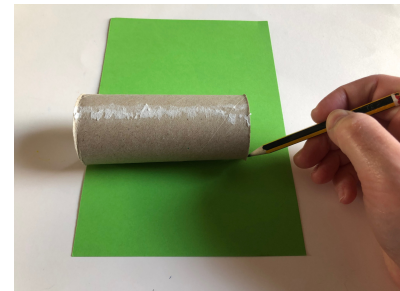


If you enjoyed Edward Wren's reading of *The Paddo*, why not make one of these simple, yet effective frogs - inspired by the Paddo character in the story. While away the afternoon practising your hand-eye co-ordination as you try to catch that pesky fly! This activity sheet includes a template.

Instructions

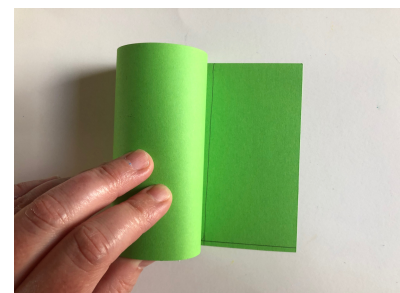
Step 1:

Choose a colour for your frog, use coloured paper if you have it. Mark out the length of your toilet roll tube and cut a strip to that width.



Step 2:

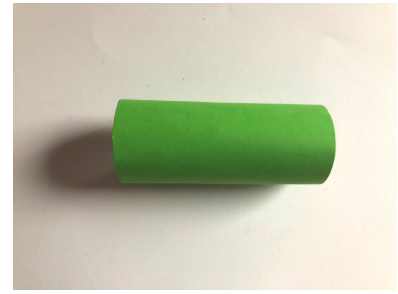
Roll your strip around your toilet roll and mark the point where the ends overlap slightly. Cut your strip to this length. Now is a good time to colour in your paper with felt tip pens, colouring pencils or crayons if you are not using coloured paper.



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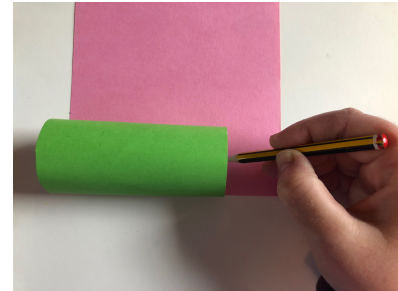
Step 3:

Put glue all over your paper and glue around the toilet roll tube.



Step 4:

Repeat steps 1 and 2 with the colour for the inside of your frog's mouth.



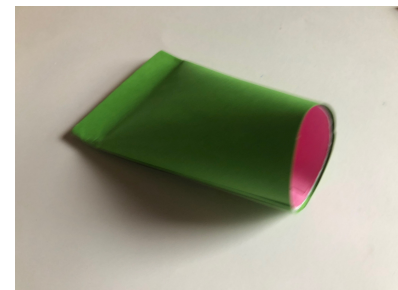
Step 5:

Put glue all over your paper and insert it into your toilet roll. Press down hard to secure them both in place.



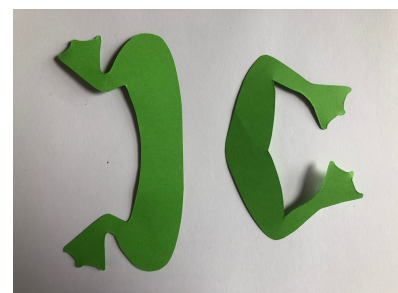
Step 6:

Fold one end of your toilet roll down and either glue or staple the ends together.



Step 7:

Draw out your frog's legs on a separate piece of paper and colour them in. Or print out our template.



Step 8:

Glue your legs into place.



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Step 9:

Cut out two circles of white paper for eyes.



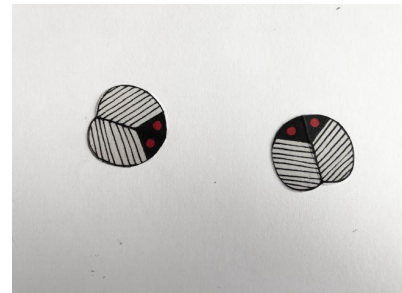
Step 10:

Decorate your frog using felt tip pens, colouring pencils, pompoms or coloured paper.



Step 11:

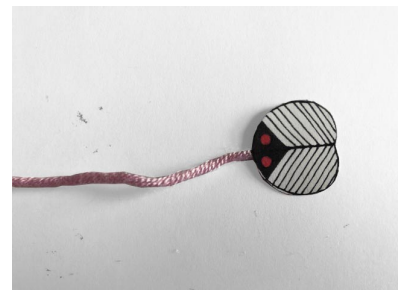
Draw out two identical flies or use our template and colour them in.



Step 12:

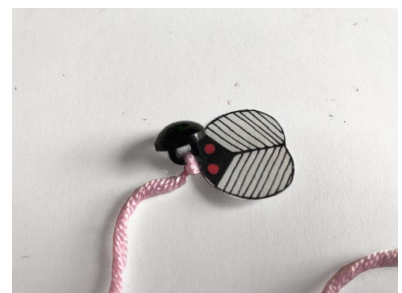
Cut a length of string or wool about 20 - 30cm long and sandwich your fly together over the end.

Tip: the longer the piece of string the more difficult it is to catch the fly.



Step 13:

Tie a bead or a button onto the end of your string next to the fly. This is to give it a little weight; if you don't have either a button or bead you could slip a paper clip onto the fly or tape a penny or 5p piece onto one side.



Step 14:

Tape the other end of your string or wool into the mouth of your frog.



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Now you've made your Frog Fly Catcher you just need to practise the art of feeding your frog.

A quick flick of the wrist and the fly will arc into the air; try and catch it in the open mouth of your ever hungry, greedy frog. Ribbit! Ribbit!

Template:

