

Creepy Crawly Bytown: Ants

Make your own creepy crawly ant and learn about how they can harm valuable artifacts in our museum.

Museum objects made of wood are susceptible to attack by a number of wood-infesting pests. Ants can severely damage valuable artifacts.



Materials:

- egg carton
- glue
- scissors
- googly eyes
- pipe cleaners
- black paint/marker

Instructions:

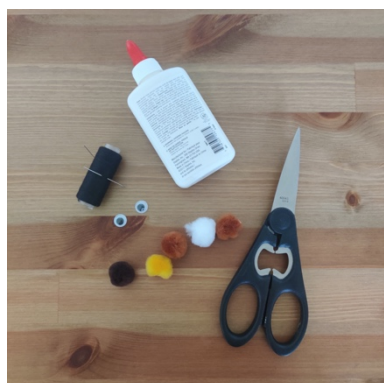
- 1) Cut the egg carton into groups of three.
- 2) Use paint or a marker to make the outside black.
- 3) Poke 3 holes along each side, 2 on each section. Poke 2 more holes on the top of the front for the ant's antennae.
- 4) Glue googly eyes on to the front of the face.
- 5) Cut eight 3-inch pipe cleaner segments for the legs and antennae.
- 6) Stick the pipe cleaners into the holes, and bend the end of the pipe cleaner inside the ant up to keep it in place



Creepy Crawly Bytown: Termites

Make your own creepy crawly termite and learn about how they can harm valuable artifacts in our museum.

Museum objects made of wood are susceptible to attack by a number of wood-infesting pests. Termites can severely damage valuable artifacts such as wood and paper materials.



Materials:

-pom poms
-thread
-needle

-glue
-googly eyes

Instructions:

- 1) Choose a series of 5 or 6 pom poms. They can be randomly coloured or placed in a pattern.
- 2) Double thread a needle to have two strands hanging from the needle. Tie a knot at the end.
- 3) Carefully thread the needle through each pom pom to string them together.
- 4) Cut the end of the thread still in the needle and tie a knot close to the pom pom. Trim both ends of the thread to about 2 or 3 inches from each end of the pom poms
- 5) Glue googly eyes on one end of the termite.



Creepy Crawly Bytown: Moths

Make your own creepy crawly moth and learn about how they can harm valuable artifacts in our museum.

In museums, moths often damage woolen cloths, feather hats, dolls and toys, bristle brushes, weaving, and fabric wall hangings.



Materials:

- cardstock
- scissors
- markers/pencil crayons
- glue
- pom poms
- googly eyes (optional)

Instructions:

- 1) Take a piece of cardstock and trace the outline of a moth or butterfly.
- 2) Cut out the outline.
- 3) Decorate the two wings of the moth however you would like:
 - Draw shapes and colours with markers or pencil crayons
 - Glue some pom poms down the middle of the outline to create a body
- 4) If you want, you can glue some googly eyes at the top of the middle section of the outline for its head.

Creepy Crawly Bytown: Spiderwebs

Make your own spiderweb, just like a creepy crawly spider that can sometimes be found hanging around the museum.

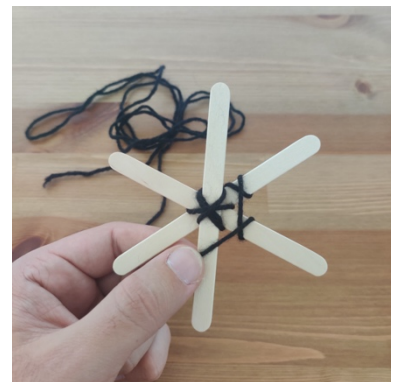


Materials:

- popsicle sticks
- glue (preferably a hot glue gun)
- yarn (white, black, grey, or red is suggested)

Instructions:

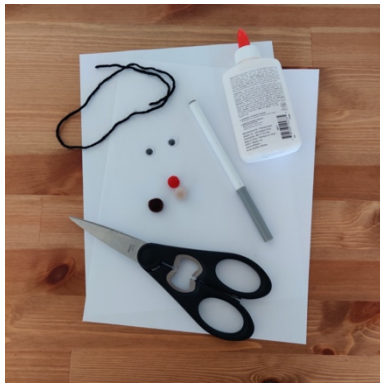
- 1) Glue 3 popsicle sticks together in the center
- 2) Cut 6-8 feet of yarn. Tie one end around the middle of the popsicle sticks
- 3) Wrap the yarn around each of the sticks, being sure to wrap over the top of each stick
- 4) Keep wrapping the yarn around each stick, and make sure to space out each ring of yarn
- 5) When you finish creating the "web", tie off the end of the yarn to one of the ends of the sticks.
- 6) You can use the outer ring of the web to hang it somewhere, or tie a long string of yarn to the web and use that to hang it to groups of three.



Creepy Crawly Bytown: Mice

Make your own creepy crawly mouse and learn about how they can harm valuable artifacts in our museum.

Mice can cause damage to many things inside a museum by chewing, creating nests and smearing artifacts with grease or waste.



Materials:

- paper/cardstock
- glue
- scissors
- string (optional)
- pom poms
- markers/pencil crayons (optional)

Instructions:

- 1) Cut out one tall, thin triangle and two ovals from the cardstock.
- 2) Fold the base of the triangle 2-3 inches from the bottom so it can stand on its own. In the opposite direction, fold the tip of the triangle 2-3 inches from the top and glue it down.
- 3) Glue the two ovals to the back of the mouse.
- 4) Colour the mouse a grey, brown, or black and give it pink ears if you didn't use coloured paper.
- 5) Glue the googly eyes halfway up the folded tip.
- 6) Cut 2 or 3 short pieces of string. Glue the string and the pom pom onto the tip of the folded triangle. Or draw the whiskers on after.