

Fun Insect Sculptures

Supplies: tacky glue (not school glue), scissors, assortment of sticks, seeds, pine cones, etc. found in most yards or parks (Mom's spice rack may also have a few items), shallow cardboard box such as a lid from a shoe box or a piece of scrap wood.

It may be helpful to look at pictures of insects but you don't have to.

Look at your supply of sticks, seeds, etc. What would make a good insect body? What would make good wings? Eyes? Legs? Think about what you want your insect to look like before you start. These are some ideas to get you started but feel free to get creative and make your own versions.

Dragonfly: 1 thin stick about 2 to 2 1/2" long, 2 pair of maple tree seeds, red pepper seeds.

1. Put a small amount of glue at one end of your stick and put 2 red pepper seeds side by side for the eyes.
2. Place another drop of glue about 1/2" behind the eyes. Lay a pair of maple seed "wings" on the glue.
3. Glue another set of "wings" slightly behind the first set. You have a dragonfly!

Fly: 1 stick about 1" long, 2 scales broken from a pine cone (the brown kind, not the green ones), 2 small red pepper seeds.

1. Put a small drop of glue on one end of your stick. Put the pepper seeds side by side for eyes. (Other kinds of small seeds are fine too).
2. Glue the pine cone scales about 1/8" behind the eyes for wings.
3. If you want, you can glue really small sticks (3 on each side) to the under side of your fly for legs.