

HOW TO HELP CATERPILLARS

You can help caterpillars, butterflies, moths and other insects by planting a butterfly and moth garden.

- Choose a sunny, warm place that's not too windy.
- Plant lots of different scented flowers. Buddleia, ivy, heather and herbs are a few of the best ones.
- Find a couple of big, flat topped stones so butterflies can sun themselves.
- Make a shallow pond – even a lid will do –

so the butterflies can drink if we have dry weather in summer.

- Grow plants for caterpillars to eat. Many can only eat one or two sorts of leaf, so grow lots of different wild plants, including bushes like hawthorn.


Make a bendy toy caterpillar





You need:


- Toilet-roll-middles
- Two paper cups
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper glue
- Hole punch
- plenty of string
- Cotton wool balls, tissue paper or little pieces of fur fabric
- Googly eyes if you have them.




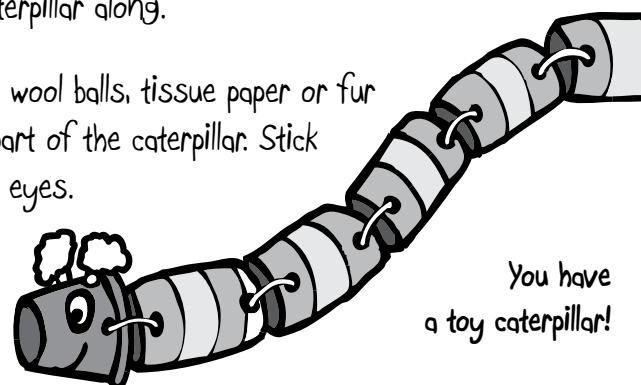
 Paint all the toilet-roll-middles and let them dry.

 punch holes near the end of each toilet-roll-middle (top and bottom). punch two holes in each paper cup, at opposite sides just inside the rim.

 Thread the string through one of the paper cup holes and tie a knot. Thread the string loosely through all the toilet-roll-middles, with the string running through the insides, then through the other paper cup at the back end and all the way through to the front. Tie a knot at the end.

 Cut off extra string or make a little hole in the front of the paper cup face, thread the string through and use it to pull the caterpillar along.

 Add cotton wool balls, tissue paper or fur fabric to each part of the caterpillar. Stick or paint on the eyes.



You have a toy caterpillar!