



Est. Time

30 minutes



Recommended
Age

6-12



Group Size

Any



Links With

Insects

Butterfly Feeders

Spiders and Insects
Venn Diagram

Clay Insects



You Will Need:

A collection of small sticks



Clay



A collection of leaves



Small Stones



This creative activity uses natural resources to encourage young people to be imaginative whilst learning about the common characteristics used to identify insects.

Activity Plan:

1. Ask the group to work together to list as many different types of insects as they can.
2. Think about characteristics that all the insects have in common. For example: three body parts (abdomen, thorax, head), a hard exoskeleton, three pairs of legs and, antennae.
3. Using clay and natural materials, have the students create models of insects that have all the key characteristics. These could be real insects or imagined! Then share the insects with the group.



If encouraging students to create their own insects why not discuss the different adaptations they may have? For example, what is their food and how have they adapted to eat it? How do they avoid being prey and how do they move around? What would they name their insect and why?