



Short Activity
Ages 0–3
15–20 minutes

Fingerprint Bugs

Description

Participants will create their own fingerprint bugs.

The activity worksheet can be used for passive programming.

Number of Participants

For any number of participants

Space Considerations

An indoor space where participants can be seated to do a craft

Competencies

- Artistic expression
- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Development of fine motor skills
- Eye-hand coordination
- Study of nature

Materials

- Blank sheets of paper and fingerprint bug templates
- Light-coloured markers, highlighters, crayons or pencil crayons
- Fine-tipped markers or pens

Preparation

- Print one Example Sheet for each table or group
- Print My Fingerprint Bug Collection Templates

Implementation

1. Distribute templates and blank sheets of paper to each table or group, including extra copies
2. Distribute the materials to participants

Accessibility Considerations

- Offer kids a variety of instruments to colour their image, and encourage them to choose what they feel most comfortable with
- Offer kids some tactile craft options to create the bugs, e.g. small Styrofoam balls for the body and chenille stick legs
- Offer sample worksheet with examples of bugs with simple features that can be added to fingerprints (e.g. antenna, legs, wings, faces)
- My Fingerprint Collection Template is a Word document, so staff may add more or change the fingerprint images
- Offer participants the choice of a blank sheet of paper or a template
- Let participants know they can do as much as they want during the program and take the activity home
- Create a book display that will inspire and help kids with the activity

Book Suggestions

The Bug Club by Elise Gravel

The Bug Girl (A True Story) by Sophia Spencer, Margaret McNamara and Kerascoët

Burt the Beetle Doesn't Bite! by Ashley Spires

The Mystery of the Monarchs: How Kids, Teachers, and Butterfly Fans Helped Fred and Norah Urquhart Track the Great Monarch Migration by Barb Rosenstock and Erika Meza

Nature is an Artist by Jennifer Lavalley and Natalia Colombo

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My Fingerprint Bug Collection Examples (.pdf)

My Fingerprint Bug Collection Template (.docx)

Images

