

BE THE ARTIST

Seed Insect Art

Create your own insect out of natural materials. You can look at pictures of insects before starting to get ideas of what you want to make. There are no rules—your insect can be as real or imaginary as you want. Be a little patient, because the pieces can be very delicate and move easily.

Supplies

- Collect seeds, leaves, small twigs, and petals from flowers
- Blank sheet of solid color paper
- Scissors
- A pencil for moving your pieces around
- If you want to make your insect more permanent, you will need white glue and a stiff piece of paper or cardboard.

Arrange the nature pieces

Look through your objects and find things that might work for different parts of insects, like wings, body, and legs.

- Place the large pieces on the paper first. You can start with the wings if your insect is going to have them. Or you can begin with a body and a head.
- Add the more detailed parts like antenna, eyes, and legs. You can cut some of the objects to make them better fit your design.
- Use the tip of a pencil to move things into place, since fingers can move things too easily.

Create a permanent art piece

When you create insects that you want to keep, you can glue them so the pieces stay together and become permanent.

- Use heavy paper or cardboard to arrange your pieces.
- Using regular white glue (like Elmer's), glue the pieces to the paper or cardboard.
- Let it dry overnight.

