



Campbell Creek Science Center

Create a Critter

Animals have many features that help them survive. Invent your own imaginary creature with unique characteristics in this fun craft activity.

Directions

1. Head outside to look for insects, spiders, millipedes, and other small, crawling creatures. Look on leaves, in the ground, and under rocks and logs.
2. Once you find one, look closely at it. How many legs does it have? Does it have antennae? Where are its eyes? What and how does it eat?
3. Look around for another small crawler. What similarities and differences do you notice compared to the first one?
4. Now, use your craft materials, build your own imaginary creature. Use the checklist below to ensure your creature is designed to survive.
5. When you're finished, give your creature a name and take it with you on your next critter hunting adventure!



Remember that small crawling creatures are alive. Be gentle and respectful with them.

Materials

- Assorted craft materials: pipe cleaners, ribbon, yarn, googly eyes, feathers, toilet paper rolls, cotton balls, nylons, old socks, etc.
- Glue, glue stick, or stapler

Questions

1. What makes one kind of insect different from another?
2. How do animals survive in different environments?

Create a Critter Survival Checklist

- Environment:** Where does it live? (Soil? Forests? Tundra? Streams? Beach?)
- Transportation:** How does it get around?
- Food:** What does it eat? How does it get its food?
- Protection:** How does it protect itself from predators? (Armor? Camouflage? Poison? Quickness? Hidden den?)



Blue-legged, spider-eating, poisonous, red-antennae bug

