

BALL ANT

This is a rather fiddly activity but in the end you will have a very bendy and fun ant to play with. The Styrofoam balls we used were already painted black. If you want a coloured ant you will need to paint the Styrofoam balls first. We suggest you mix your paint with a little bit of P.V.A. glue if you are going to paint any sort of Styrofoam. You can make other insects like bees, flies etc by modifying these instructions and using different materials.



Materials:

2 Bump Chenille Sticks 1 6mm Chenille Sticks Google Eyes
3 Styrofoam Balls of descending size – These will make up the body of the ant

Method:

1. Take the smallest Styrofoam ball. Make a small hole in it with a pin or matchstick. Make sure you go ALL the way through the ball.
2. Take the other two Styrofoam balls and make a hole halfway through each.
3. Take the 6mm chenille stick and cut it in half. Take one of the halves and stick it all the way through the smallest Styrofoam ball. Attach the other Styrofoam balls to either end, making sure there are no gaps between the small and large balls. You will need a small gap between the small and medium balls. The medium ball will be the ant's head.
4. Cut your bump chenille sticks in half. You will need three pieces. These will make the ant's legs.
5. Place three pieces under the ant in the gap between the small and medium balls. Twist around and over. Bend to make legs.
6. Take the other half 6mm chenille stick and cut into small piece to make antenna and pincers. Stick these onto the head of the ant. The metal spine of the chenille stick is sharp enough to pierce the Styrofoam and stick.
7. Stick on eyes.



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