

# Kids Explore!

## Build A Bug

Create an imaginary bug from things in your trash and recycling!

### Materials

- ◆ Various colorful lids (from jars, milk or juice jugs, etc.) for eyes
- ◆ Plastic tubs with tops (from things like yogurt and salsa containers), plastic drink bottles, cardboard oat boxes, or other round or tube-shaped containers for body parts
- ◆ Pipe cleaners, straws, springs, twisty ties, or chopsticks for legs and antennae
- ◆ Plastic milk jugs, scrap cardboard, or other stiff materials you can cut for wings
- ◆ Colored fabric and paper scraps, markers, or other materials for decorating the body
- ◆ Hot glue gun, craft glue, craft wire, tape,

or brads for fastening parts together

- ◆ Scissors

*Steps with a ⇒ may require adult help.*

- ⇒ 1. Choose three large items to make your bug's three body parts -- head, thorax, and abdomen -- and fasten them together using glue, wire, or brads.
- ⇒ 2. Choose six legs and attach them to your bug's thorax (middle section). Use scissors to make holes and poke legs through. Attach antennae to the head this way as well.
3. Cut wings out of cardboard or the flat



parts of plastic jugs and glue, wire, tape, or brad them to the thorax.

4. Glue or tape eyes to your bug's head.

5. Decorate your bug's body parts with glued on paper and fabric scraps or markers.

6. Take your bug outside, find it a habitat, and take some pictures!

