

British Dragonfly Society Education



Make a Dragonfly Activity

Equipment

- 2 x 30cm pipecleaners per dragonfly
- 2 x pony beads per dragonfly
- 1 card pre-cut set of wings
- colouring pencils

Activity

Step 1

Bend the ends of the pipecleaners back slightly to prevent sharp ends. Then put the pipecleaners together and bend in half.

Step 2

Thread a bead onto each pipecleaner and push to the middle.

Step 3

Twist the pipecleaners together through one and half turns. Then separate the pipecleaners into colours and open them slightly (like open scissors).

Step 4

Put the wings between the pipecleaners where the twist is. Then, holding both firmly, twist the pipecleaners tightly together right to the bottom.

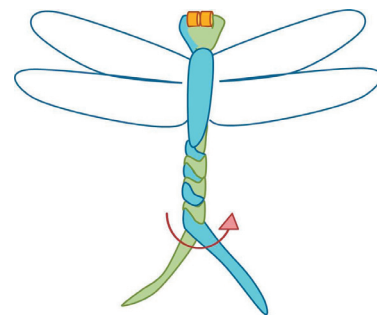
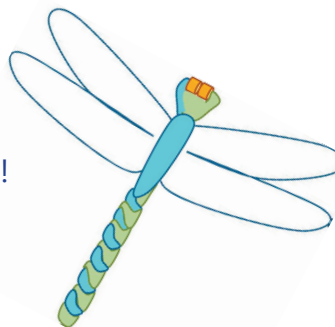
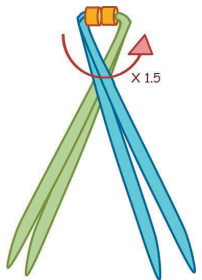
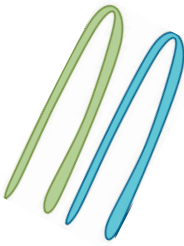
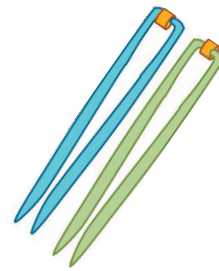
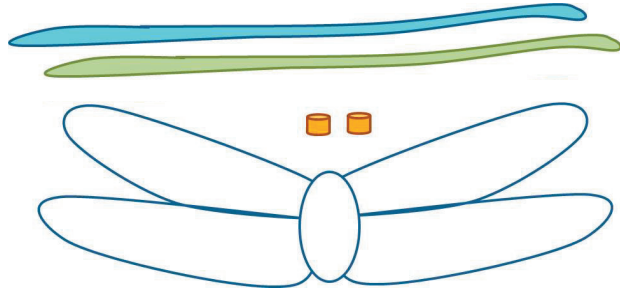
Step 5

Colour in the wings (optional) and then enjoy!

Alternative: pipecleaner wings

Construct the dragonfly in the same way but instead of using the card wings, create wings out of pipecleaners:

Take another 30cm pipecleaner per dragonfly and bend into a figure of eight shape, twisting tightly together at the ends to join them. Twist the pipecleaner once, tightly, where they overlap in the centre, to hold the shape.



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