

# Sensory Science Art Project



Lights Up!



Watch these handmade bugs light up and  
"fly" around the classroom!

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# Light-Up Bugs

## Materials:

- Preschool paper pack (Item #31552)
- 3" Plastic eggs
- Battery-operated tea lights
- 6" Chenille stems (Item #88904)
- Super Simple kirigami & rainbow paper (Item #146297)
- Permanent markers (Item #40459)
- Drill for making antenna and leg holes

## Process:

1. Prior to the activity, drill 3 holes into each side of the large end of the egg to form the holes for the bug legs. Next, drill 2 holes into the opposite end of the egg where the antennae will go.
2. Precut paper into wing shapes. Make enough for 2 wings per bug.
3. Cut 4 chenille stems in half: 3 for the bug legs and 1 for the antennae.
4. Have the children choose an egg and open it. With the small end in the palm of their hand, insert one half of a chenille stem into the holes on the small end. Twist the stem on the inside of the egg to keep it from sliding out. Do the same to the second antenna hole. Fold the top of the stem over the egg, making a curved shape. Repeat on the other side to form the second antenna.
5. For the legs, slide a chenille stem inside the large end of the egg and twist each end closed on the inside to prevent it from sliding out. Fold the chenille stem on the outside of the egg in a zig-zag pattern to make the legs stand up. Complete all 6 legs.
6. Take 2 wing shapes from the precut paper and glue them to the back of the bug.
7. Use a permanent marker to make the bug face.
8. Insert 1 tea light into the inside of the egg. Turn the light on and close the egg.
9. Turn down the lights to enhance the lighted bug effect, and watch them "fly!"



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