Bug Hats

Visitors will experiment by using the materials provided to make different types of bug hats!

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**Supplies**
- Construction Paper
- Pipe Cleaners
- Pompoms
- Feathers
- Other Decorating Materials (Optional)
- Tape
- Markers
- Scissors

**Advanced Preparation**
- Gather the materials.
- Cut the construction paper into long strips about 2-4 inches wide.

**Set Up**
- Place out appropriate activity sign.
- Put out strips of construction paper.
- Put out tape dispenser & markers.
- Provide pipe cleaners, pompoms, feathers, etc.

**Procedure**
- Grab two strips of paper and measure them on your head.
- Tape them together.
- Next, tape pipe cleaners inside your hat for the bug antennas.
- You can attach fuzzy balls or feather to the end of the pipe cleaners.
- Decorate your bug hat any way you want.
- Now you can wear your new bug hat!

**Discussion Questions**

*Explore the children’s knowledge on the subject through open-ended questions.*

**Ask:**
- What type of bug are you?
- Do you know that insects use their antennae to touch, taste, and smell?
- What do you use on your body to touch, taste, and smell?

**Explanation**

*The following is a sample of some scientific explanations behind this subject.*

Most insects use their antennae to smell! Many insects “hear” with receptors located on their legs or abdomens, not with their antennae.