

Buttons + Bottle Tops

What will I need?

- Whatever you can find!
 - Buttons
 - Bottle tops
 - Jar lids
 - Ribbon
 - Zips
 - Card
- A pencil
- A black pen
- Scissors
- Glue, tape or blue tac (optional)

Top Tip!
If you don't stick the pieces together,
you can create different creatures
simply by rearranging them.

What do I do?

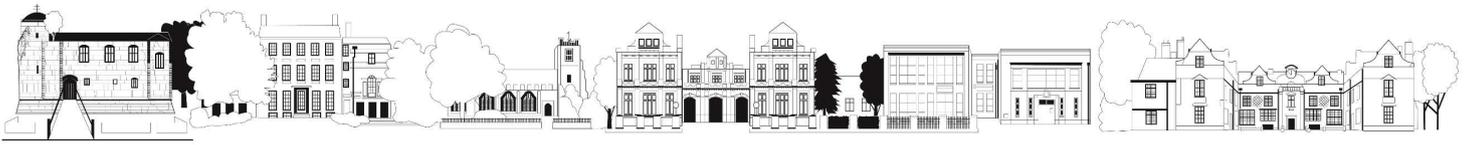
To make an owl

We used:

- 1 medium sized plastic lid (5-10cm wide)
- 2 milk bottle lids
- 2 metal bottle tops
- 2 large buttons
- 2 small buttons
- A small circle of corrugated card
- A skirt fastener (you could use anything that looks a bit like a beak)
- Raffia (but string or wool would work just as well)

1. Stick your circle of corrugated card to the top of the medium sized lid. This creates the chest.
2. Stick your beak so that it hangs downward from the top middle of the card circle.
3. Make the eyes by sticking the metal bottle tops inside the milk bottle lids. Then add the large buttons followed by the small buttons.





4. Add some feet by knotting the string and trimming it each end to be approximately 1cm long.

To make a ladybird

We used:

- 1 medium size lid (you want a red one if possible)
- Black card, but paper would work
- 6 black buttons for 'spots'
- Googly eyes, but you could use 2 small buttons
- Plastic bag-ties, or pipe cleaners if you have them



1. If you don't have a red lid, you might want to paint it and leave to dry first. Ladybirds aren't always red with black spots however, so your lid can be any colour your like!
2. Draw round your lid on a piece of black card or paper. Add to it the outline of the ladybird's head, legs and tail, then cut your shape out in one piece and set it aside.
3. Draw a line down the centre of your lid with the black felt pen and stick on the buttons to create spots.
4. Stick the finished lid to your piece of black card.
5. Add 'googly eyes' or stick on light coloured buttons for the eyes.
6. With your fingers, bend the plastic tie or pipe cleaner in half and curl the ends to make antennae. You can then stick them to the top of your ladybird's head.



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