Paper Chain Snake

What will I need?

- Scissors
- Tape or glue
- Thin card or paper in two different colours
- A small piece of patterned card or paper (we used an old tissue box)
- A small piece of red card or paper (we used part of a cereal box)
- Black pen
- Googly eyes or buttons (optional)

What do I do?

1. Cut your coloured card or paper into strips.

   For our snake we used 7 pieces of green card, cut into 12.5cm x 4cm strips and 6 pieces of yellow card, cut into 16cm x 3cm strips.
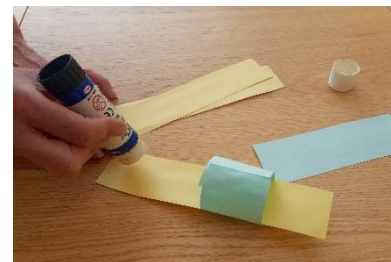
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2. Make a paper chain, by looping the strips and using either glue or tape to seal the ends together.

3. Cut out an egg shape from the pattern card or paper for the face. Draw on eyes or stick on two buttons or googly eyes. For the forked tongue, cut out a small strip of red paper or card, and attach it to the underside of the face.

4. Use a little glue or tape to stick your face to the top of the first coil.

5. For the tail, cut a little triangle in the same colour as your last coil and stick it to the underside.

6. As a finishing touch, we stuck buttons to the paper chain coils. You could decorate yours with ribbons, sequins, glitter… however you like!

7. Don't forget to take a photo, tagging Colchester or Ipswich Museums on facebook or Twitter.

Why not…

See how long you can make your snake! Did you know the Reticulated Python is known to be the world's longest snake and has been recorded at over 10m long!

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