

Potato masher caterpillar

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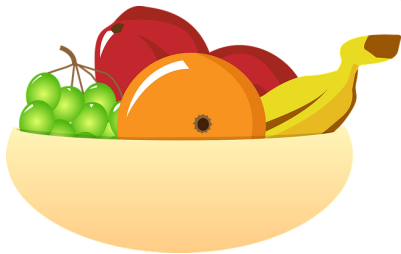
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This fun and easy potato masher craft is a great way to celebrate insects, This craft could be paired with reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar book, or just a fun activity on its own, creating opportunities to talk about spring and all the different things changing with the new season.

Easy Directions to Make a Potato Masher Caterpillar

Supplies

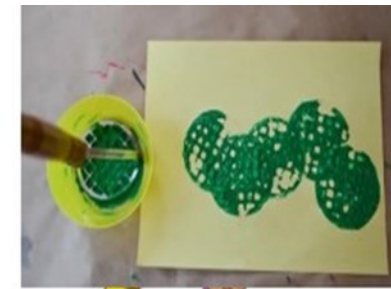
- Green and red paints
- Paper
- Glue
- Rounded Potato Masher
- Scissors
- Bowls for the paint
- Crayon, pencil, or marker



1. Gather your supplies



POTATO MASHER
CATERPILLAR



2. Dip the potato masher into the green paint (make sure the entire surface is covered in the paint so that it stamps a full circle) and stamp it five times on the paper to make the body



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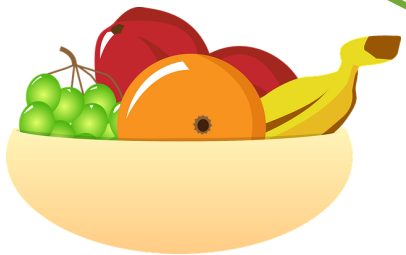
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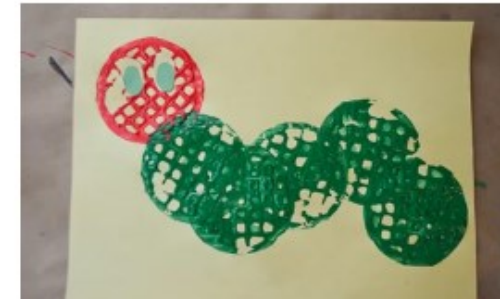
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3. Dip the potato masher into the red paint (make sure the entire surface is covered in paint so that it stamps a full circle) and stamp it once on the paper to make the head.



4. Using the scissors cut out 2 small ovals for the outer part of the caterpillar eyes. Then 2 smaller ovals in a different colour for the centre of the caterpillar eyes, then glue these in place.



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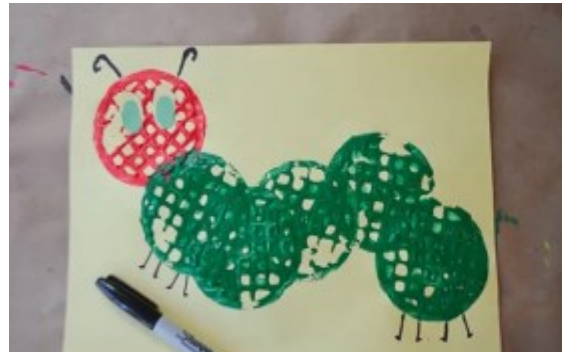
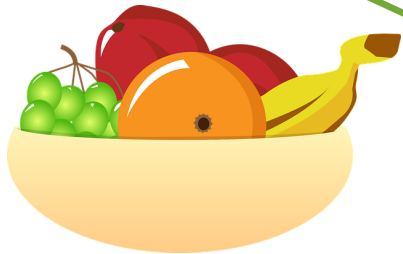
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5. Using a marker, pencil, or crayon, add two antennae to the caterpillar's head and little legs to its bod



6. And we're done! This caterpillar craft for kids made the perfect activity for spring or anytime we read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'

