

Outdoor Art – Bugs, Bees and Butterflies!



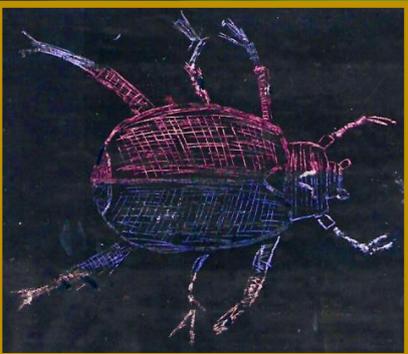
Book to share!

The Big Book of Bugs By Yuval Zommer

This is a beautifully illustrated book by Yuval Zommer. As its name suggests it is oversized and children just love to stare at the pages – soaking up the text and the gorgeous illustrations.

Nature Bugs

Using sticks, stones and leaves make some amazing bugs! Spiders, butterflies, caterpillars, beetles, bees – the choice is yours! What will you create?

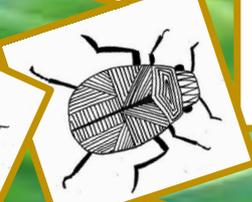


Beetle Scratch Art

Fill a piece of card or thick paper with oil pastels. Then paint over it with a mix of black paint and washing up liquid (this helps the paint to stick to the oil pastel). You may need a few coats of this but it dries quickly in the sunshine! Once dry, gently scratch off a bug design – I used a blunt pencil for this.

Doodle Bugs

Draw a bug in black ink. You may be lucky enough to find one to study with a magnifying glass or you can use a picture. If you have access to a photocopier, photocopy your beetle so you can fill it in lots of different ways. If not, trace it so you have several images the same. Fill your bugs with your best doodles!

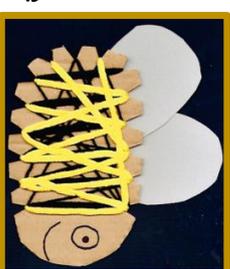


Leaf Painting

Collect some leaves and use your imagination! You could turn your leaf into a real or an imaginary creepy crawler! To create these ones I used ready mixed paint and left them to dry in the sun in between colours.

Weave-a-Bee

Create a weaving loom from a cardboard box by cutting out an oval shape and snipping small triangles around the edge. Then use yellow and black wool to wrap around your oval to create your bee! Finish it off with some eyes and wings.



Butterfly Sponge Printing

Use any type of sponge for this activity. Squeeze it in the middle and secure with a rubber band to make two wing shapes either side. Then paint the wings and print! Remember to keep it symmetrical! This is very easy but very effective!