







# Make an egg box crab


## Educator Notes

Age				
Early Years	4-7	8-12	12-15	16+
				

Time				
> 10 mins	> 30 mins	> 60 mins	> 2 hours	Long term
				

Season				
All year	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
				

Curriculum Links	
Expressive Arts	
Health & Wellbeing	
Literacy & English	
Mathematics	
Sciences	
Social Studies	
Technologies	

Location		
Indoors	Outdoors	Either
		

Equipment list
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A clean, empty egg box</li> <li>• Paint (acrylic works well) and paintbrushes</li> <li>• Scissors and a pencil</li> <li>• White card</li> <li>• Tape (double sided is useful)</li> </ul>

## Instructions

Below we have outlined how to make a crab, but you can let your groups' imagination run wild with what they create. On the next page you will find an activity guide which includes photo instructions.

1. Cut out a section of the egg box, paint it and leave to dry. Cut out eight short pieces of orange pipe cleaner and three long pieces.
2. Using the pencil, carefully make two holes in the top of the egg box section. Carefully thread one of the longer pipe cleaner pieces through these holes – these are the eye stalks.
3. Cut out two small paper circles, add a black dot for the pupils and stick these on to the pipe cleaners – these are the eyes. Twist the remaining two long pipe cleaner pieces together.
4. Using the pencil, carefully make two holes – one on each side of the egg box section. Thread the twisted pipe cleaners through these two holes – these are the claws.
5. Stick the shorter pipe cleaner pieces to tape – sticky sided is helpful but not essential. Then stick them to the underside of the egg box section, so that they poke out of the sides – these are the legs.
6. Add a smile using the black pen – your crab is ready to scuttle about!  
Remember to recycle the rest of the egg boxes.



# Make an egg carton crab

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## You will need

- One section of egg box (already cut out)
- Four pipe cleaners (orange is a great crab colour!)
- Two googly eyes
- Paints and brushes
- Double sided sticky tape
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Felt pen

You can make other creatures too... think about centipedes and ladybirds.



- 1 Paint the egg box section inside and out to make the crab's body. Leave to dry for a few minutes.

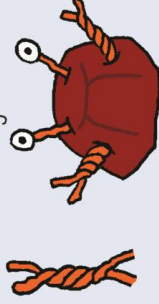
- 2 Cut eight pipe cleaner legs (all the same length) plus three longer pieces.



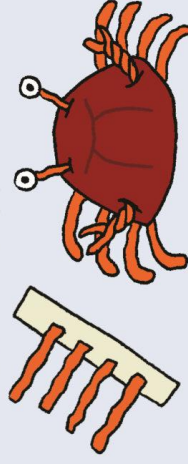
- 3 Make two holes for eye stalks with a pencil, and poke one long pipe cleaner through to make two eye stalks. Stick the googly eyes onto the tips of the eye stalks.



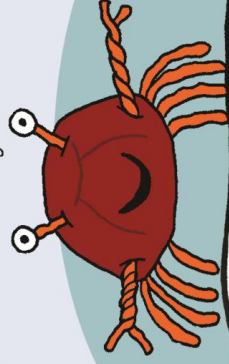
- 4 Twist the other two long pipe cleaners together, make two holes in the front of the body and poke the twisted pipe cleaner through to make claws.



- 5 Stick four leg pipe cleaners onto double sided tape and then stick them under the body to poke out. Repeat on the other side with the other four pipe cleaners.



- 6 Draw on a smiley mouth!



Use pom poms for heads!

