

## Caterpillar Egg carton craft



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First, a little background on caterpillars. Some caterpillars are very good at camouflage, or blending into their surroundings. These caterpillars use green and brown colors to help them hide among the plants where they live. Some other caterpillars want to stand out instead. These caterpillars use bright colors, like red or yellow, to warn other animals that they are poisonous and should be left alone.

The colors that they have as a caterpillar may be completely different than those they have when they metamorphose or change into a butterfly.

Now that we know a little more about caterpillars, we can make our own caterpillars!

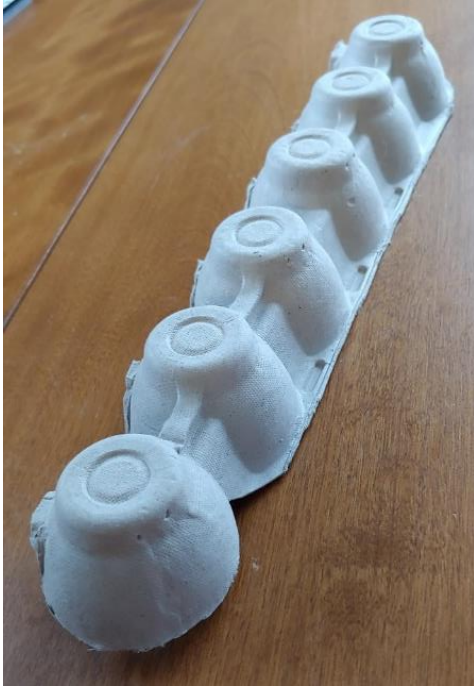


### Materials:

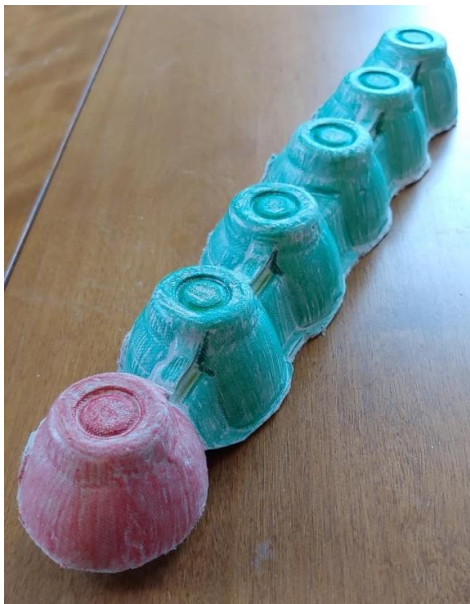
- An egg carton
- Pipe cleaners or paper strips
- Scissors
- Tape or glue
- Crayons, colored pencils, markers, or paint



Our caterpillar starts with the body. Have a grown-up in your house help you cut the egg carton in half to make your caterpillar's body. Trim off any extra material from the egg carton.



Next, we need to color our caterpillar. If you have a paper egg carton, markers work very well. If you have a Styrofoam egg carton, maybe try crayons or paint. If you are modeling your caterpillar after the one from the book yesterday you might want to make the head of your caterpillar red and the rest of the caterpillar should be green.



If you used paint or markers, let your caterpillar dry.

Once your caterpillar is dry, it's time to add the antenna. If you have a pipe cleaner at home, cut it to the length you want and attach it to the top of your caterpillar's head. You can use glue or tape, or you can have a grown up in your house help you poke two holes for the pipe cleaners to go into. If you don't have pipe cleaners, don't worry you can make your antenna with strips of paper. Just color the paper whatever color you want the antenna to be and cut two strips out of the paper to make the antennae. Glue or tape these antennae to the top of your caterpillar's head.



Now, we just need to give our caterpillar a face. Make sure to draw on some eyes for your caterpillar. I modeled mine after the caterpillar from that book we read yesterday.





You did it! Congrats on finishing your very own caterpillar egg carton! Now you can have it act like a caterpillar. You could try crawling with your caterpillar around your house or have it eat everything in sight like the caterpillar in our book did!

If you have forgotten what the caterpillar in the book did, feel free to watch the reading again at [senecaparkzoo.org/zooprojects](http://senecaparkzoo.org/zooprojects)