

How to Make: An outdoor bug game

Summer's here and it's time for some outdoor games! This one is very simple to make, requires very few materials and is two games in one. You can either lay twigs out on the floor for a buggy version of noughts and crosses, or place the bug box on the lawn to see who can toss the most bugs in the hole.



Time to make: 1 hour

You will need:

- 10 cork coasters (per game)
- Paint – red, yellow, white and black ready mixed works well
- Black pen
- Googly eyes (optional)
- 4 twigs (for the noughts and cross game)
- Small cardboard box (for the bug box)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Green, red and yellow card or paper

How to make it:

1. Begin by painting the coasters. Paint five red and five yellow. You may need several coats to cover the cork evenly.
2. To create the ladybirds, paint the top third of the coaster black. Draw and colour in black spots with pen and glue or draw on googly eyes.
3. To create the bees, use a ruler to mark out and paint three narrow black stripes and one larger one at the end. When dry, glue or draw on googly eyes.
4. To complete the noughts and crosses game, lay out a grid using twigs (you could also use string, bamboo canes or even a couple of neckers!)
5. To make the bug box, paint your cardboard box white. From green card, cut grass to fit around the bottom of the box and glue on. Cut circles from yellow and red card and use a black pen to draw the bee and ladybird designs. Glue onto the box.