

# CRAFTY TICKS

## INFO



AGES 4-5



LOCATION  
In a room



DURATION  
35 minutes



LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY  
Moderate

## OBJECTIVE OF THE ACTIVITY

To help children understand what a tick looks like.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Make a tick like the illustration of the *Crafty Tick*.

- Using scissors:
  - cut 2 pipe cleaners in 4 equal parts for the 8 legs.
  - cut 1 pipe cleaner into 2 small pieces for the mouthparts.
- Using brown paint, paint the Styrofoam ball (oval shape is preferred).
- When the brown paint dries, paint a black oval to represent the dorsal shield.
- Insert four pipe cleaners on each side of the black oval to represent the legs.
- Insert two small pieces of pipe cleaner at the tip of the Styrofoam ball to represent the mouthparts.

## MATERIALS



- Illustration of the *Crafty Tick*
- Photo of a blacklegged tick

### Per child:

- 1 Styrofoam ball (oval shape preferred)
- 3 Black pipe cleaners
- Black paint
- Brown paint
- Paintbrush
- Scissors



## BEFORE YOU START

Provide the illustration of the *Crafty Tick* and describe the different parts of the tick:

- Abdomen
- Dorsal shield
- 8 legs (same family as spiders)
- Mouthparts

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Explain that:

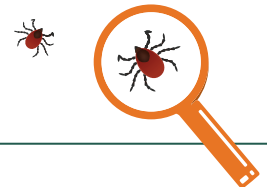
- When a tick bites, it attaches to your skin to feed on blood.
- It is important to have an adult remove it with clean, fine-point tweezers.
- They should grasp the head of the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull slowly.
- They should try not to twist or squeeze the tick when removing it.

Show video:

 [How to properly remove a tick](#)

Test their knowledge:

 [Interactive games](#)



ENJOY THE OUTDOORS,  
WITHOUT A TICK!





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