

Bugs

Make a Bug Box

You can take a closer look at a bug in action by making a bug box. Try using it to watch grasshoppers, centipedes, lightning bugs, or moths. Check with an adult first to make sure your bugs don't bite!

1. Remove the lid from a cardboard shoe box. Cut a rectangle out of one of the long sides—it should be about 6 inches long by 3 inches wide.
2. With the cutout side facing you, tape or glue on a piece of plastic wrap to create a window. Make sure the window is tight enough that the bugs can't escape.
3. Poke three small breathing holes (smaller than your bugs, so they won't get out) into each side of the box.
4. Make a home for your bugs along the bottom of the box, using materials from the place you found them and without destroying their home. You might add grass, twigs, small rocks, or leaves.
5. Add bugs! Be gentle so they don't get hurt. Re-cover the box. After you've had an hour to watch, carefully place the bugs back where you found them.