

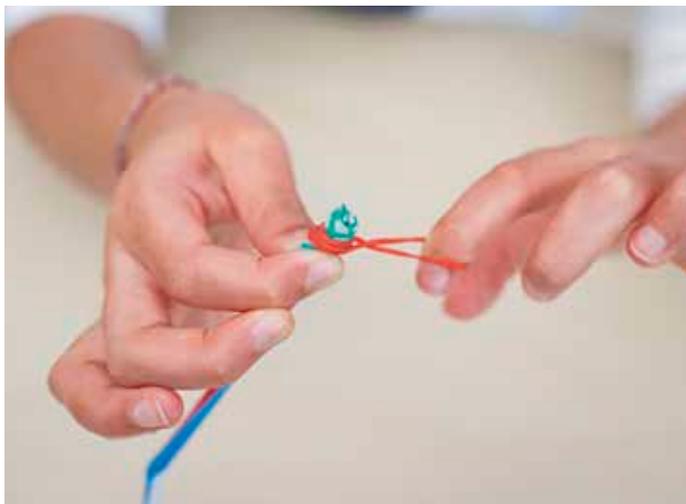
Make a pooter

Here's a really clever way for you to catch bugs and see them up close. And all you need to do is suck!

1 Ask an adult to make straw-sized holes in the lid and the bottom of the container.

2 Cut off the bottom quarter of the straw at the non-bendy end. Keep both pieces.

3 Wrap your cloth or tights around one end of the long piece of straw and hold it in place with the elastic band.



4 Push the other end of the long straw through the lid of the container so the covered end is in the pot.

5 Push the short straw through the hole in the bottom of the container.



You will need

- Small clear container with a lid
- Hammer and nail or scissors (to make a small hole)
- Bendy straw
- Small piece of thin material such as a kitchen cloth or tights
- Elastic band
- Plasticine

6 Seal the spaces around both holes with plasticine.



7 Fit the lid back on the container. You're ready for action.

Bug catching!

Hold the end of the shorter straw over your bug and suck on the longer straw. The bug will be sucked up inside.

Be bug-kind

Only try to suck up bugs that are small enough to go safely through your straw. And please don't keep them for long – release them where you found them as quickly as possible.