

## VALENTINE LOVE BUGS

### You will need:

- love bug wings/antennae template (from the West Cheshire Museums website),
- Used toilet roll tubes/kitchen roll tubes cut in half
- card - silver/purple/pink etc
- glitter
- paints
- glue
- tissue paper
- stickers (anything to decorate your love bug with)
- pipe-cleaners
- Sellotape
- A sharp pencil to make holes with

### How to make your Valentine Love Bug:

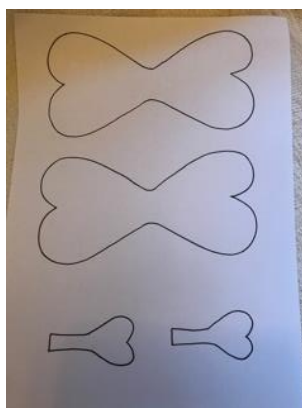
1. Take your tube and paint it with whichever colour you prefer- you may need to give it a couple of coats of paint to really make the colour stand out.



2. Decorate the body of your bug - you could use googly eyes if you have any. I didn't so I just drew some with a black felt pen, cut them out and stuck them on. I painted love hearts on one bug and used strips of paper on the other, but you just decorate them however you wish. Make sure they are colourful and eye-catching! You could draw on the nose or even use a crumpled-up piece of tissue paper – it's your choice!



3. Print off the love bug wings/antennae template and cut out the wings and antennae. Use them to draw round onto card (any colour) to create stronger wings/antennae. Decorate the wings if you wish - you could paint them, decorate with glitter etc. I even used silver card so I was able – using a pencil – to press a pattern into it. This can be very effective too.





4. Stick the wings onto the back of the tube with Sellotape and the antennae onto the top of the tube, securing them with Sellotape on the inside.



5. Take the sharp pencil and poke holes through the tube – going in one side and coming out of the other. Then thread three pipe-cleaners in through these holes for the bug's legs – bend the ends to look like feet.



6. Finally, you could cut out a paper love heart and stick it to the end of one of the bug's legs. I wrote a message on mine but you could simply add kisses.

**Your Valentine love bug is now complete - a lovely present to give to someone special!**