

Craft Ideas inspired by Ella by Alex T. Smith

Collage Bugs

Materials:

Paper plates
Black chenille stems (pipe cleaners)
Material or paper in shades of black and red
Black felt or paper circles, or black buttons
Googly eyes
Scissors, glue, sticky tape, optional black pen

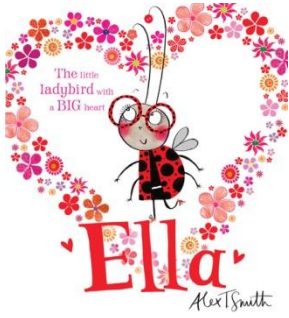
What colours would you need to make Mrs Buzzbottom or the wasp sisters?

Instructions

1. Decorate paper plate in shades of red for body and black for head (**Ladybird**) or in shades of black (**Spider**)
2. **Ladybird** only: Stick black circles (paper, felt or buttons) on decorated side of paper plate for spots (can optionally add black felt tip detail)
3. Stick on googly eyes on one edge of paper plate
4. Use sticky tape to attach six (**Ladybird**) / eight (**Spider**) chenille stems (three/four each side) on undecorated side of paper plate for legs
5. Fold legs to look like it's standing up



I forgot to do a black head for the ladybird!



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Antennae

Materials:

Hair band

Black chenille stems (pipe cleaners)

Large red buttons

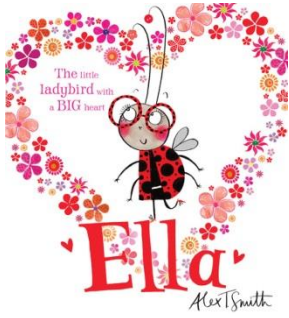
Instructions

1. Choose two red buttons for the antennae – one circle and one flower to match Ella, or any that you like.

2. This part may need grown up help.
 - a. Thread a chenille stem through one button hole
 - b. Turn stem and thread back through second hole.
 - c. Twist excess stem.
 - d. Repeat for second antenna.



3. Wrap other end of chenille stems around hair band, spaced so they look like antennae.



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Funky Glasses

Materials:

Card glasses template

Coloured cellophane

Stick on gems, glitter glue, other decorations

Lolly sticks

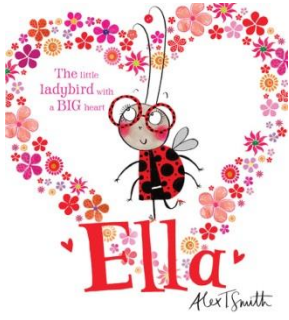
Glue or sticky tape, scissors

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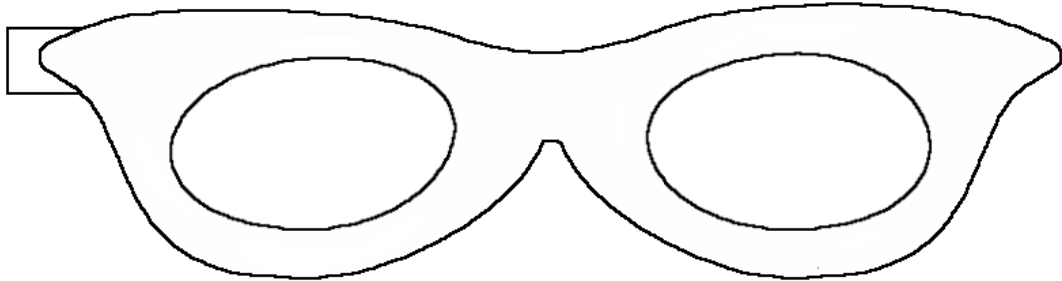
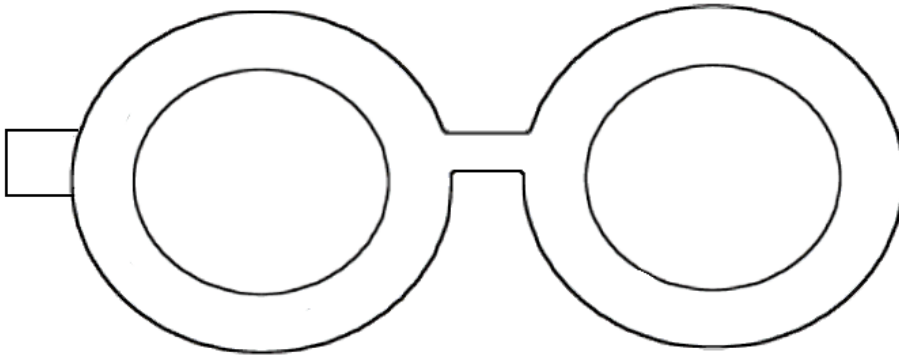
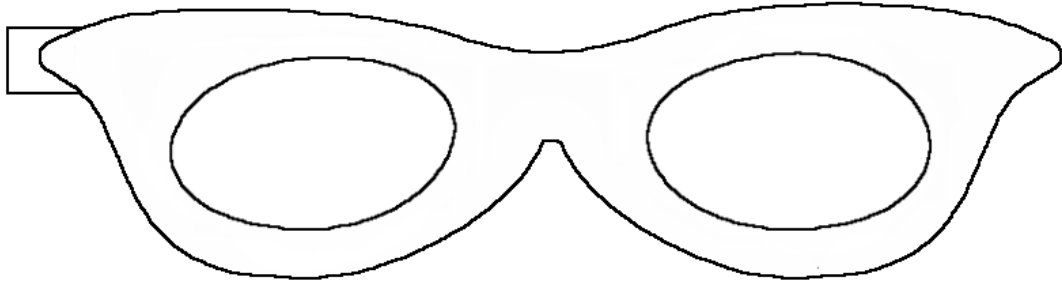
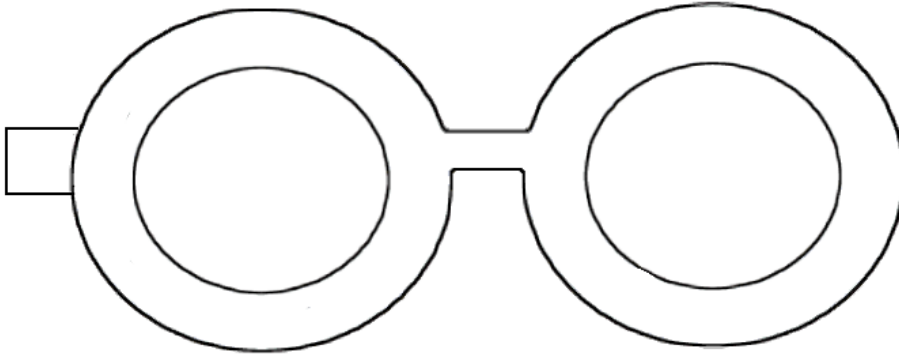
1. Cut out a glasses template, including cutting out the eye holes (you may wish to cut out two of the same template, see point 5.)
2. Decorate one side (the 'outside') of one template however you like – colour in or stick on shiny paper, gems, glitter glue etc
3. Cut small pieces of cellophane just larger than the eye holes and glue or tape into position on the 'inside' of the same template
4. Stick or tape a lolly stick to the tab on the 'inside' of the template
5. To make the glasses look neater (and stronger), stick another template to the back ('inside') of your decorated glasses

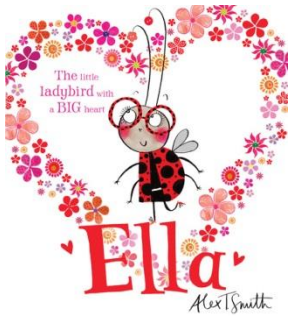


*You could also
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Framed Picture

Materials:

Self-laminating photo card

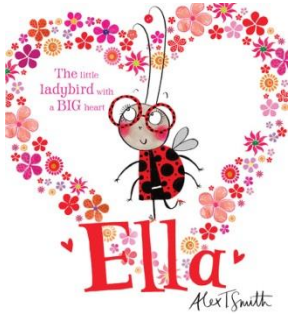
Sequins or table confetti

Picture or photo

Instructions

1. Choose or print out a picture approx. 10x15cm picture. The best sort of picture is one with a central image. This is because we'll be designing a frame around the flipped image.
2. Place the picture on a flat surface and put the photo card, words up, on top.
3. Open up the photo card and carefully peel off the white strip.
4. Design a frame on the sticky surface using sequins or table confetti. This could be any shape e.g. a heart, star or square.
5. When the frame is complete, take the picture from under the photo card and place it face down onto the sticky surface (ensuring it's the correct way up for the frame.)
6. Ensure all the white pieces have been taken off the photo card and close the card, smoothing the edges together.





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Weaving

Materials:

Lolly sticks

Black or red embroidery thread

Ribbon or material in black and red shades

Scissors, strong glue

Instructions

1. Stick four lolly sticks together in a frame shape – either with very strong glue, or tightly tie together (this will need grown up help.)
2. Use embroidery thread to make the **warp** of the loom (probably needs grown up help.)
3. Use strips of material or ribbon as the **weft** to weave a pattern.

