

# Insect Collage

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For grades K-2



There are more types of insects than any other type of animal on the planet. The main categories of insects are butterflies, moths, beetles, centipedes, flies, grasshoppers, and social insects. Insects tend to be small, but can vary in size from nearly invisible to over 7 inches long. Their bodies are made up of three sections called the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. They all have six legs connected to the thorax and antennae on top of their heads. Some insects have wings connected to the thorax and can fly. There are more than nine hundred thousand species and many more that scientists have not discovered. In this project you are going to be creating an insect that has not been discovered by creating an insect collage.

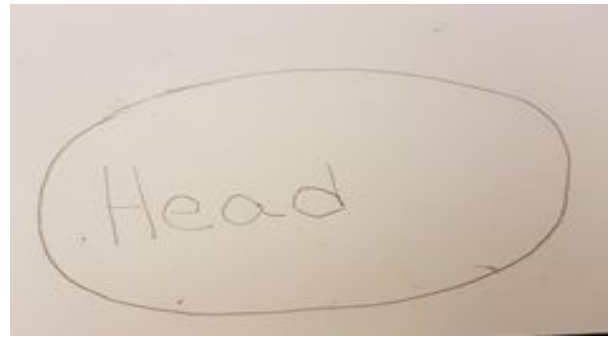
Here are the materials that you will need:

- One sheet of construction paper
- Three 6 in. x 5 in. sheets of decorative paper
- One 6 in. x 5 in. piece of white cardstock
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Markers
- Glue
- Optional: sequins, googly eyes and glitter glue



Here are the steps:

On the white cardstock draw an oval or a “C” on one side and backwards “C” on the other side and connect the two “Cs” by drawing a line on top and bottom. Inside of the oval write the word “Head.”



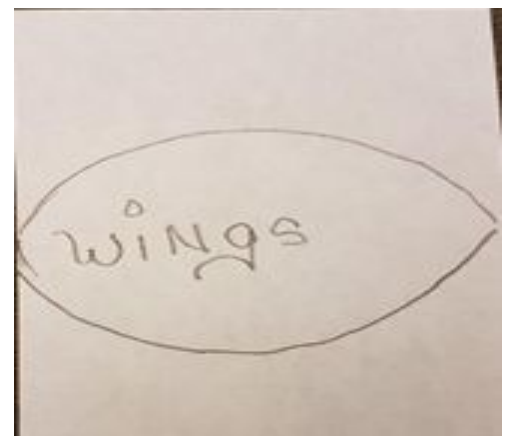
Cut the oval/head out and turn over and decorate with markers.

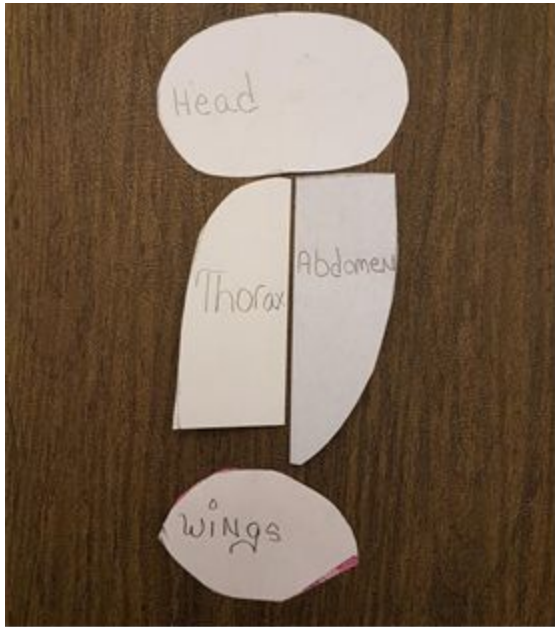
Take one of the decorative sheets of paper and fold it in half (pretty side in) and on the folded side of the paper draw a half of an “n” and write “thorax” and set it aside.



Take another decorative sheet of paper and again fold in half (pretty side in). On the folded side of the paper, draw a curved line and horizontal line on top. Inside write “Abdomen” and set it aside.

For the wings, fold the last decorative sheet of paper in half and draw a leaf shape in the middle. Write “Wings” and set it aside.





Cut out of all of the pieces/anatomy parts and set them aside.

On construction paper arrange your parts and glue: The head on top, thorax in the middle, abdomen on the bottom, and the two wings on each side. Use glitter glue for the antennae and decorate with sequins.



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