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CRAFTS BY  
*Amanda* - Rainbow Ladybug Craft Kit

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING



**YOUR KIT CONTAINS:**

- Black Construction Paper
- Tissue Paper Strips
- Glue
- Glue Stick
- Tracing Paper
- Foam Brushes
- Large Ladybug Pattern
- Small Ladybug Pattern
- Paper Plate
- Black Construction Paper
- Wiggly Eyes
- Ribbon

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- Scissors
- Ruler
- Cups for Water
- Small Cups for *Glue Mix*
- Pencils
- Paper Towels
- Hole Punch

**AGE GROUP: 7 and up**  
**PROJECT TIME: 30 minutes**  
**per project plus prep time**

**NOTE:** This pack is designed to make 24 of *each* project *OR* you can tailor the project numbers to match your specific group needs.



## HOW TO MAKE THE RAINBOW LADYBUG SUNCATCHERS

### EACH PERSON SHOULD HAVE:

- 2 Sheets Black Construction Paper
- 1 Sheet Tracing Paper
- A Foam Brush

The tissue paper strips, glue mix, glue stick, and ladybug patterns will be shared among the group.

### INSTRUCTOR PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS:

(15-20 minutes depending on the size of your group.)

We recommend pre-cutting all component pieces ahead of time. This step could be done by older children. If the group is made of younger children, we'd suggest an adult pre-cuts all pieces first for easier crafting.

- Cut out the ladybug templates.
- Create enough ladybug bodies for your group: stack two sheets of black construction paper on top of one another. Use the large pattern to cut out two identical black ladybug shapes.
- Mix several cups (depending on your group size) of the *glue mix*: 4 parts glue and 1 part water. These cups will be shared among your group.
- Cut circles (about 1-2" diameter) out of the leftover black construction paper. Each person should have 8-10 circles for his/her ladybug.

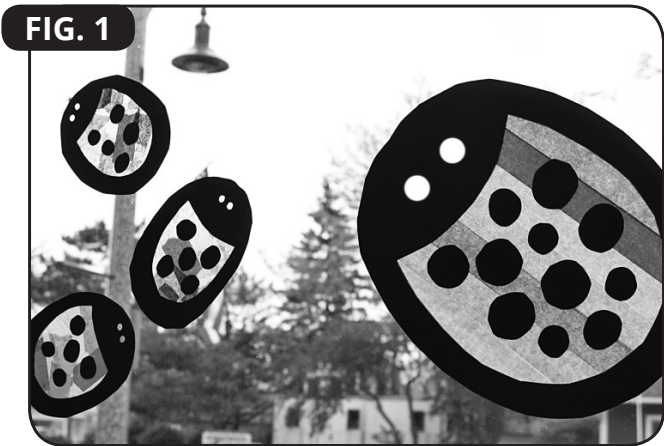
**TIP:** Use a coin to trace the black construction paper circles.

### CREATE YOUR LARGE RAINBOW LADYBUG:

1. Use the foam brush to "paint" one side of the tracing paper with the glue mix.
2. Place tissue paper strips onto the wet tracing paper.
- TIP:** If you want, you can tear the paper into smaller pieces.
3. "Paint" a thin layer of glue mix over the top of the tissue paper.
4. Allow the tracing paper to dry.
5. Place the black paper pattern on top of your decorated tracing paper and trace around the outside of the ladybug with a pencil.
6. Cut out the ladybug shape from the decorated paper, then trim about ¼-inch all the way around so that it is slightly smaller than the pattern.
7. Sandwich the decorated ladybug in between the two black ladybug shapes and use the glue stick to glue them together.
8. Use the glue stick and glue the black construction paper circles on the ladybug's back.

**FOR THE SMALLER RAINBOW LADYBUGS:** Repeat the process above with the small ladybug pattern. Cut circles from black construction paper making them about ½" diameter.

**OPTIONAL:** If you'd like, use a hole punch to add eyes.



## HOW TO MAKE THE PAPER PLATE RAINBOW LADYBUGS

### EACH PERSON SHOULD HAVE:

- A Paper Plate
- Black Construction Paper
- 2 Wiggly Eyes
- A Foam Brush

The tissue paper strips, glue, and pattern will be shared among the group.

### INSTRUCTOR PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS:

(15-20 minutes depending on the size of your group.)

We recommend pre-cutting all component pieces ahead of time. This step could be done by older children. If the group is made of younger children, we'd suggest an adult pre-cuts all pieces first for easier crafting.

- Trace paper plate onto black construction paper. Be sure to place the plate as far to one side as you can so that you can use the remaining paper for the ladybug's spots. Cut out the circle from black paper. This is the bug body. Set the circle and scraps aside.
- Mix several cups (depending on your group size) of the *glue mix*: 4 parts glue and 1 part water. These cups will be shared among your group.
- Use the pattern to cut out head from the black circle.
- Cut out the spots for the ladybug's back from black construction paper scraps.

**TIP:** Use a coin to trace the black construction paper circles.

### CREATE YOUR PAPER PLATE RAINBOW LADYBUGS:

1. Paint the back of the paper plate with a foam brush and glue mix.
2. Place tissue paper strips onto the wet plate, criss-crossing as you go.
3. Paint a thin layer of glue mix over the top of the tissue paper. Set aside to dry.
4. Glue two wiggly eyes to the head.
5. Cut decorated paper plate in half.
6. Position wings, overlapping at one end, over the top of the black circle, covering the area where you cut out the head. The wings should hide this area. Glue in place.
7. Glue the head above the closed end of the wings (See Figure 2).
8. Glue the black circles onto the wings to complete your design.



HOW TO MAKE THE RAINBOW LADYBUG WINDSOCK

EACH PERSON SHOULD HAVE:

- A Paper Plate
- Black Construction Paper
- 2 Wiggly Eyes
- A Foam Brush

The tissue paper strips, glue, and assorted ribbon will be shared among the group.

INSTRUCTOR PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS:

(15-20 minutes depending on the size of your group.)

We recommend pre-cutting all component pieces ahead of time. This step could be done by older children. If the group is made of younger children, we'd suggest an adult pre-cuts all pieces first for easier crafting.

- Mix several cups (depending on your group size) of the *glue mix*: 4 parts glue and 1 part water. These cups will be shared among your group.
- **LADYBUG HEAD:** Fold and cut the black construction paper in half. Cut a circle (approx. 4" diameter) using the fold as the center line. Cut the circle in half. Each person needs a half circle.

CREATE YOUR RAINBOW LADYBUG WINDSOCK:

1. Use a foam brush and paint the back of the paper plate with the glue mix.
2. Place tissue paper strips onto the wet plate, criss-crossing as you go.
3. Paint a thin layer of glue mix over the top of the tissue paper (it is OK if the paper strips hang off edge of plate).
4. Allow to dry completely then trim off excess tissue paper around edge of plate with scissors.
5. Fold paper plate in half and crease. Use a hole punch to punch two holes around the top of the rounded end (See Figure 3).
6. Cut a ribbon 8" long and thread ribbon through both holes. Tie a knot at the top of the ribbon. This is the windsock hanger.
7. Punch holes along the straight edge, about an inch apart.
8. Thread one end of a ribbon halfway through the first hole. Tie an overhand knot to secure ribbon in place, allowing each end to hang freely. Repeat with each hole, adding additional ribbons.

**TIP:** Tie an overhand knot to the end of each hanging ribbon to enhance your design.

9. Glue two wiggly eyes to the head and glue head to the body along the straight edge.

10. Glue foam circles onto ladybug body. Let everything dry and hang inside by a window!

FIG. 3



Template for Large Ladybug Suncatcher

(Cut around dotted lines)

