



Getting creative making your own binoculars is a great low resource, fun activity for your little minibeast explorer!

Make your own binoculars

You will need:

- Two cardboard tubes (you can use toilet roll tubes)
- String or ribbon
- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Rubber band
- Hole punch
- Felt tip pens

HOW TO MAKE YOUR BINOCULARS

- 1) Cut two strips of paper the width of each tube. Cover the two tubes with glue and wrap a strip of paper around each tube.
- 2) Using a hole punch or pen, make a hole at the side of each tube, about a third of the way down.
- 3) Glue the two tubes together so that the holes are facing the outside.
- 4) Cut a piece of string approximately 60cm in length. Push the string into one of the holes from the outside of the tube. Bring it through the tube and tie a chunky knot at the end. The knot will stop the string coming back through the hole. Gently pull the string back from the outside. Repeat the process on the other side.
- 5) Place a rubber band around the tubes to help the glue set. Leave to dry overnight.
- 6) Remove the elastic band and then decorate your binoculars with felt tip pens.
- 7) Your binoculars are now ready to go minibeast detecting!

