

Dragonfly Hang-Arounds

Materials Needed:

- Pipe cleaners/chenille craft stems
- Faceted beads
- Pony beads
- Oval beads
- Double-sided scotch tape
- Mylar paper (found at party & craft stores)



Instructions:

1. Select one pipe cleaner, fold in half, and crease the fold, so you end up with a "V."
2. Select two faceted beads, and thread each onto one side of the "V." Push them down to the crease. They should now resemble two dragonfly eyes.



3. Bring the two ends of the "V" together; select one pony bead and thread it onto both ends, and slide it all the way down until it touches the "eyes."



4. Repeat the same procedure with an oval bead, so that it touches the pony bead.

You should now have what resembles a head, thorax, and abdomen of an insect, with two strands of pipe cleaner extending from the abdomen.

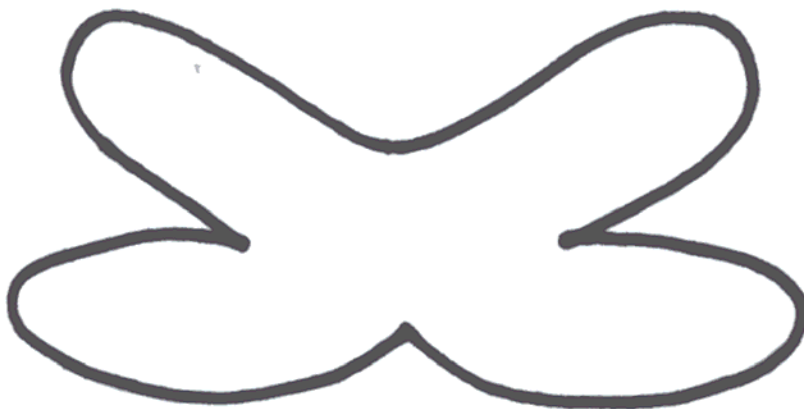
5. Twist the two strands of pipe cleaner from the oval bead to the ends of the pipe cleaner, and then bend the tips over tightly to eliminate any sharp points.



6. One inch from the end of the twisted pipe cleaner, crease it, bending it so that the twisted pipe cleaner resembles a "7."

7. Using a small piece of the double-sided scotch tape, stick a set of the mylar wings onto your dragonfly; see template below. (Here's how to make wings as they appear in photo above. Cut wings out of mylar and wad them into a ball; straighten back out and they will have a crinkle effect). Make sure the tape is on the thorax, as that is where the wings are on real insects!

Now hang your dragonfly wherever you want--your pocket, mini-blinds, or anywhere else you like!



Wing template – actual size.

Popsicle Stick Dragonfly

Materials Needed:

- Popsicle (craft) stick
- Markers or paint
- Glue
- Sequins
- Thread
- Clear packing tape or Contact paper



Instructions:

1. Use paint or markers to color the popsicle stick. You can delineate the head, abdomen, and thorax by using different colors. Glue two sequins on for the eyes. *See photo above.*
2. Cut multiple pieces of black thread. Get a piece of clear packing tape or contact paper about 6" long. Set down the piece of tape sticky side up and place the pieces of thread to it. This will look like all the little lines on a dragonfly's wings.
3. Once you are satisfied with the amount of thread you have on your tape, place the popsicle stick on the tape. Tear off another piece of tape the same length as the first one. Lay it on top of the first piece of tape, sticky side down. This will cover the tape and also keep the popsicle stick in place. Now trim the tape to look like the wings.

If you like, you can also add 6 pipe cleaner legs to your dragonfly, or use glitter on the body or wings to make our dragonfly more realistically luminescent and colorful.