

Make a very hungry caterpillar

You will need: 1 long cardboard roll or 2 small cardboard rolls, ruler, pencil, scissors, thin card (from a cereal box or similar), paint (green, red, brown and yellow), paintbrush, glue stick, sticky tape, fine nib permanent marker (black).

Instructions:

1. Cut the cardboard roll(s) into equal sections about 2.5-3cm in width, a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 sections, depending on how long you want your caterpillar to be.
2. With the thin card, draw and cut out the face and two ovals (eyes) of the caterpillar.
3. Paint the inside and outside of the cardboard roll sections in a bright green. Leave to dry.
4. Paint the face of the caterpillar in a bright red and the eyes yellow. Leave to dry.
5. Paint the antennae in brown and add green to the eyes of the caterpillar. Leave to dry.
6. Glue the green sections together to form the caterpillar's body. Leave to dry.
7. Glue the eyes onto the caterpillar's head and leave to dry.
8. With a fine nib permanent marker, draw the nose on the caterpillar's head.
9. Use glue or sticky tape to attach the caterpillar's head to the body.
10. Well done – your very hungry caterpillar is now complete!

Fun facts: 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle was first published as a book in 1969, about 50 years ago. Originally the author was going to write about a bookworm but soon changed his mind, but he kept the idea of having 'holes' in the book. It remains a popular story and has been translated into more than 60 languages. Look out the window, visit the garden or go on a short walk today to see if you can find a *real* very hungry caterpillar!

