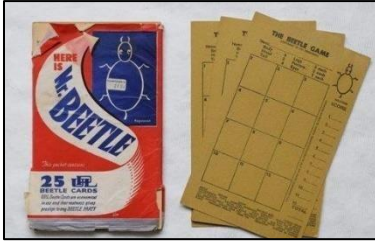


# Make a beetle



This craft was inspired by a children's game called Mr Beetle, which is in the museum collection.

**You will need:** cardboard roll, pencil, scissors, paint, paintbrush, scraps of white and coloured card, felt tip pen (black), glue dots or glue stick.

## Instructions:

1. Flatten the cardboard roll and then cut in half lengthways. You should have two pieces (as pictured):



2. Cut one piece of the cardboard roll into six short lengths – these are the beetle's six legs.
3. On the remaining piece of cardboard, draw on the beetle's pincers at one end. Cut out. Also round off each corner. This piece of cardboard roll is the body of the beetle.
4. Paint both the body and the legs. Leave to dry.
5. With a scrap of white card, draw and cut out two eyes. Use a felt tip to mark a pupil on each.
6. With a scrap of coloured card, make a rectangle shape (with rounded corners), fold in half and then cut a V. These are the wings of the beetle.
7. With glue or glue dots, attach the legs to the body. Bend each leg into shape.
8. Glue on the eyes and wings.
9. Your beetle is ready! Imagine a story or adventure for your minibeast.



**Fun facts: Beetles are the largest group of insects or minibeasts, with over 300,000 species.**

**About 4,000 live in this country – some are very small while others are larger, most can fly.**