

Make a pipe cleaner snail

You will need: about 6 large pipe cleaners (3 in one colour and 3 in a different colour), glue dots, scissors, 2 wiggle eyes.

Instructions:

1. With two pipe cleaners in one colour (purple) and one pipe cleaner in another colour (pink), coil each pipe cleaner into a tight circle so you have three coiled circles.
2. With one of the two remaining pipe cleaners in one colour (pink), cut in half and coil each half into a tight circle so you have two small coiled circles.
3. With the one remaining pipe cleaner in one colour (purple), cut in half and then use one half to cut in half again. Coil these two pieces of pipe cleaner into tight circles that are smaller than the previous ones made.
4. With the remaining whole pipe cleaner (pink), fold in half and twist about half of it. Then with each end of the pipe cleaner, coil to make a very small circle on each end. This is the body and head of the snail.
5. Use a few glue dots to secure each of the coiled circles to each other. The coils should be attached in alternate colours, with the large circles in the centre, then the smaller ones on the outside of these, finishing with the tiny ones on the very outside. This is the shell of the snail.
6. With a few more glue dots, secure the body to the shell placing the twisted part underneath the shell, with a small amount protruding behind it.
7. Secure the two wiggle eyes to the head of the snail with glue dots.
8. Your snail is complete! You may need to move the body of the snail to get it to stand up. Once you mastered this, you can make an army of snails!

Fun facts: Our snail is modelled on a garden snail, although the colours used are very different. Garden snails have a pale grey body and a brown/yellow shell. They feed at night and they rest during the day in a sheltered place such as under a rock. They hibernate (go to sleep) during the winter.

