



Paper Insects Project



Make your own HUGE bugs!

Making a Large Paper Insect

There are pattern pages to use for making the body parts: head, thorax, abdomen and wings. These can be printed on card stock, cut out, and traced around. Construction paper works great for making the insects.

Once the pieces have been cut out (one head, one thorax, one abdomen, and two wings) they can be put together, by slightly overlapping the parts and gluing. There are choices that can be made for the thorax—it can be placed so it looks wide compared to the abdomen, or more narrow. Also, the abdomen can be made longer or shorter depending on how far the thorax overlaps it.

When gluing, start with just gluing together the 3 main body parts—set the wings aside. It will be easier to glue on the wings later, after the legs (gift wrap ribbon pieces) have been taped on.

With the three main body pieces glued together, it's time to color, using crayons! Eyes and a mouth can be drawn on the head, and the body can be decorated-- it can be made to look like a real insect, or like an imaginary one.

Next, cut some gift wrap ribbon strips to make 6 legs; they are about 5" (14 cm) long. Use tape to attach the legs to the back of the body, taking care to have them curl outward rather than inward.

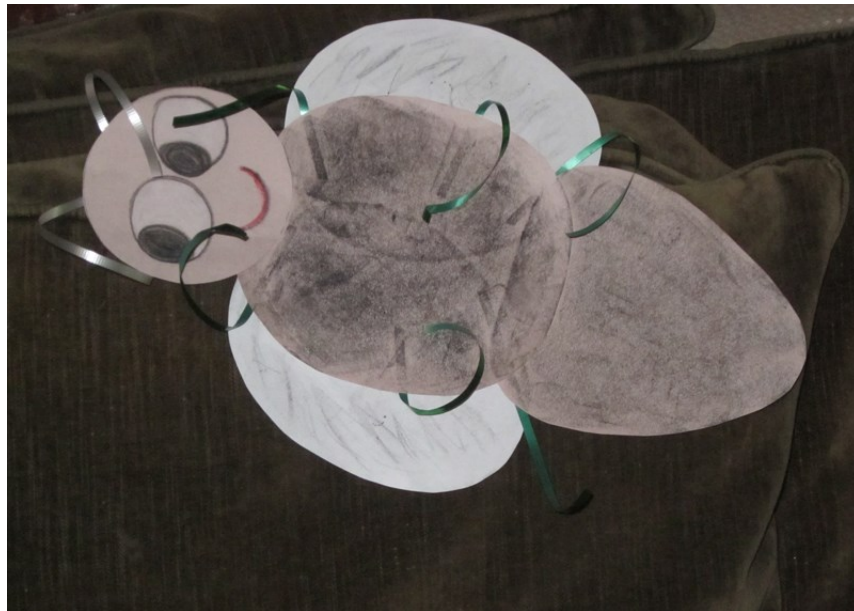
Now the wings can be colored and glued on.

The last step is to cut two more ribbon strips to make antennae, and tape them on.

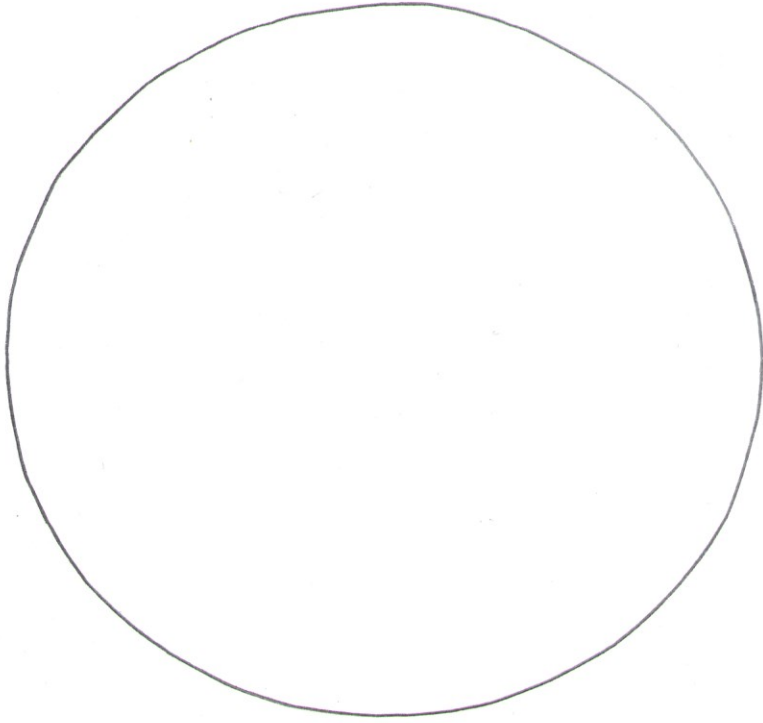
Here are some more pictures of finished big paper insects:



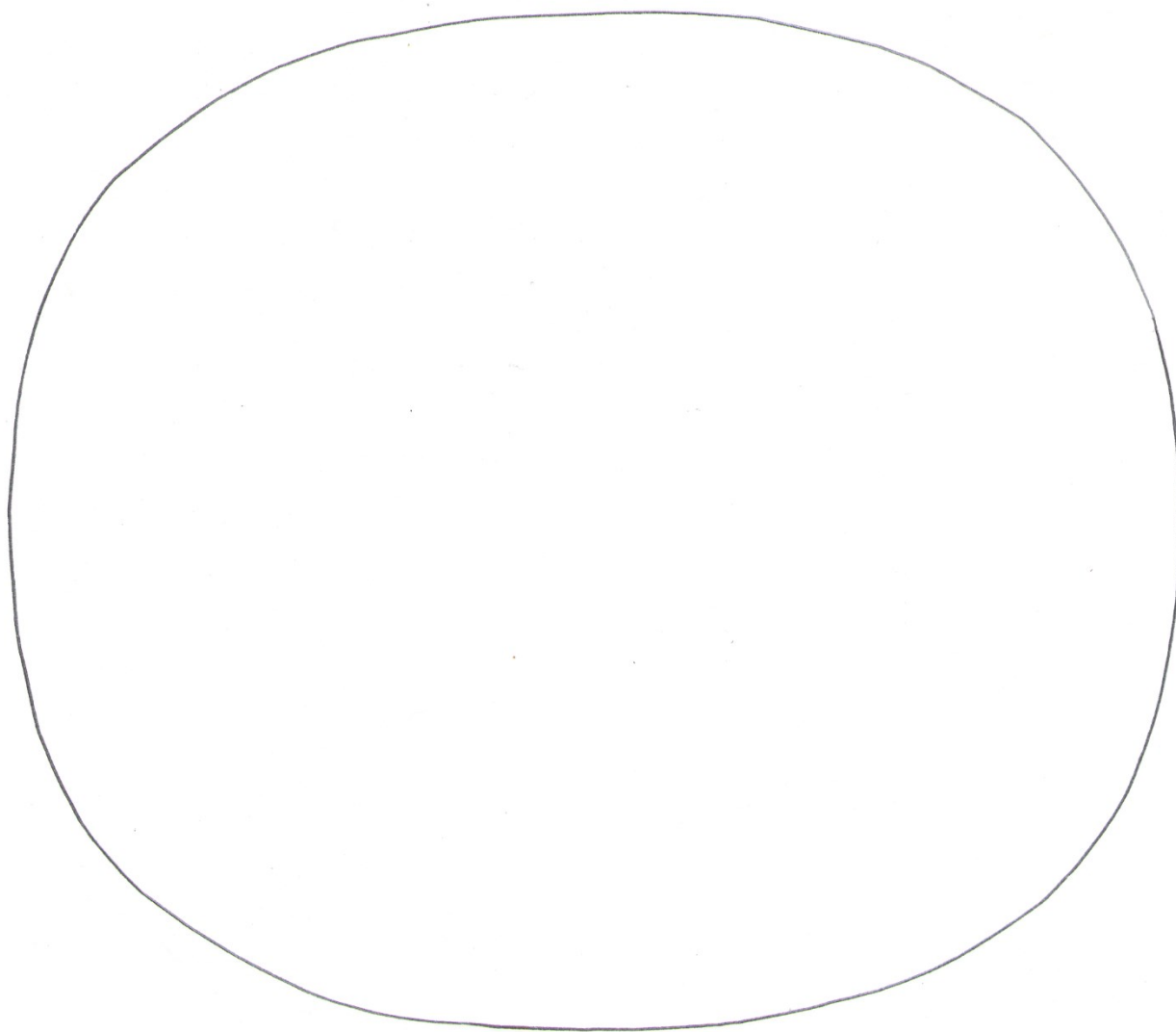
A beetle!



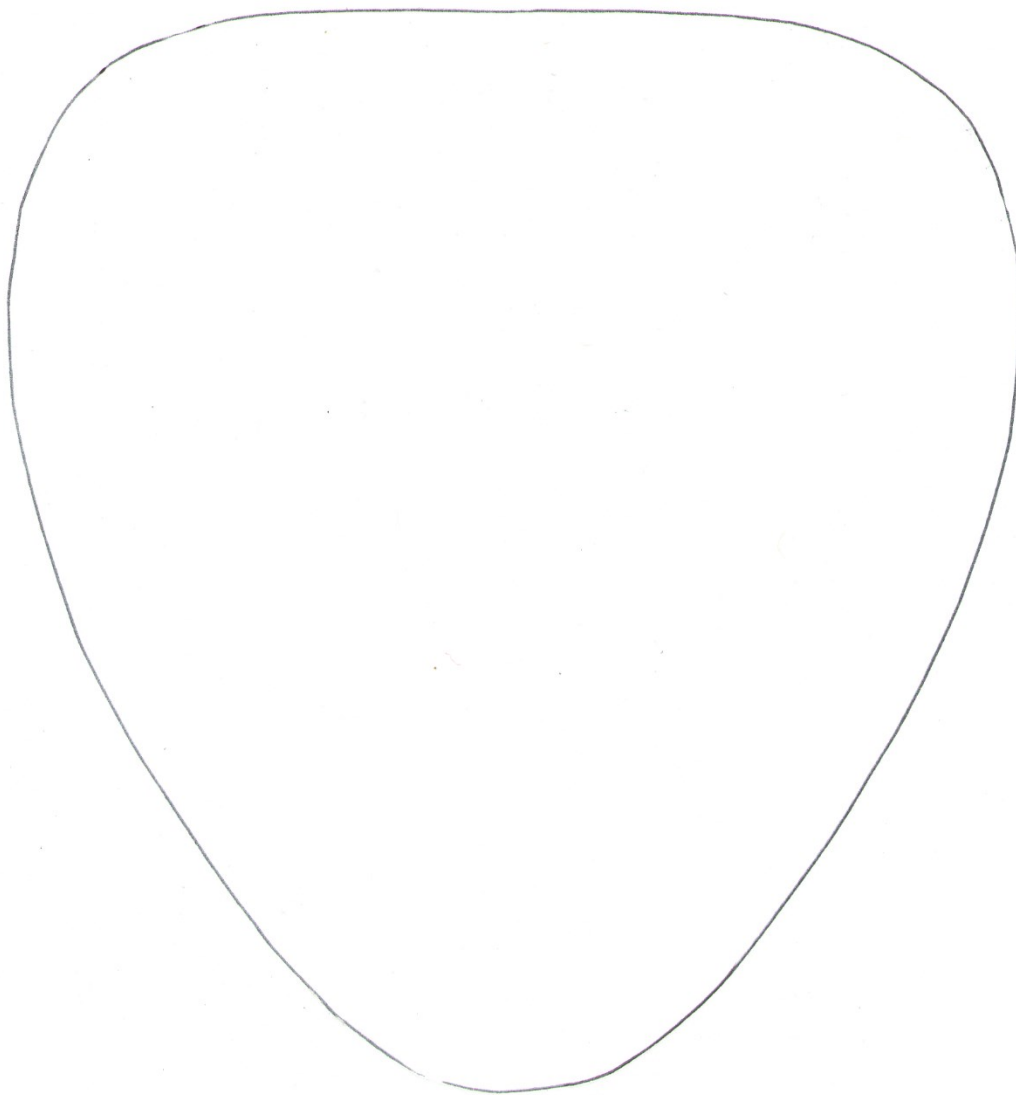
This housefly is taking it easy, on the couch!



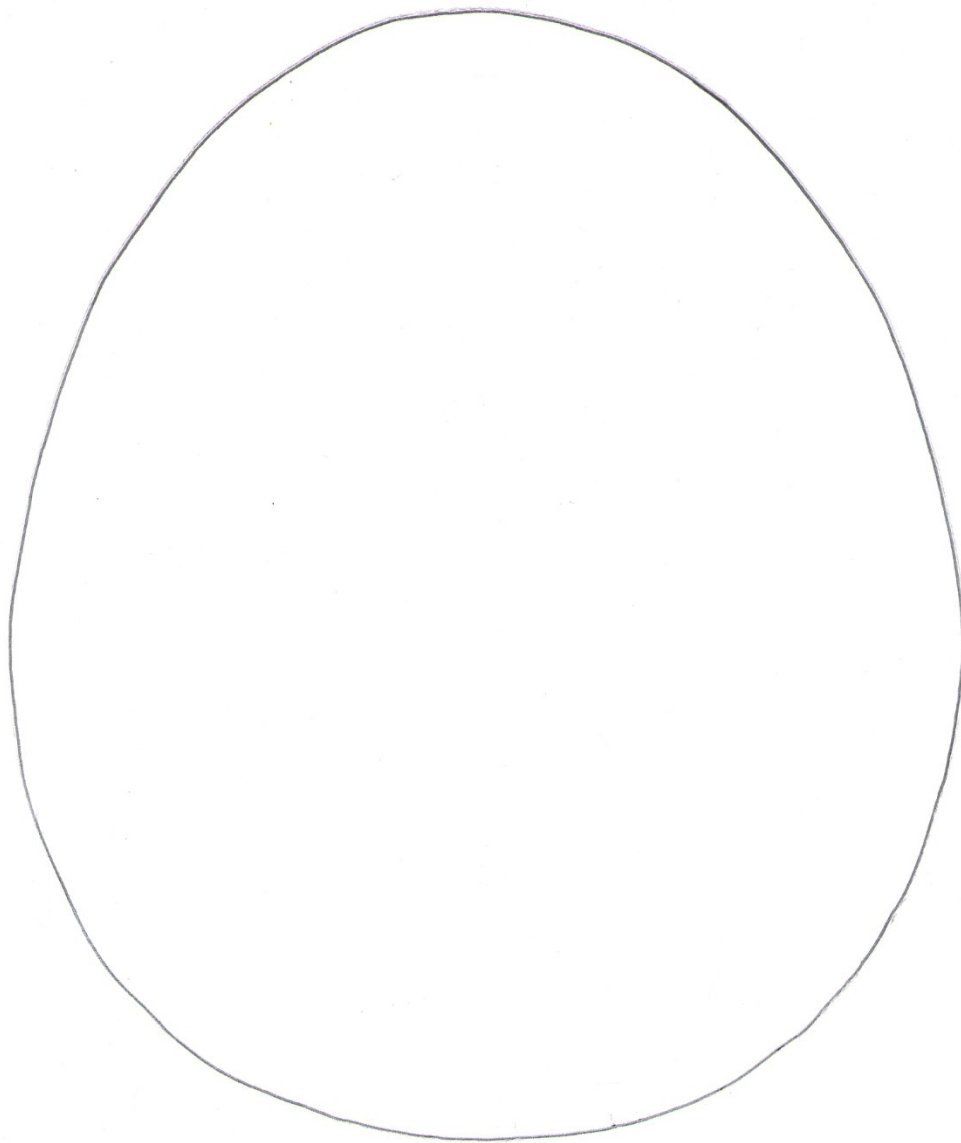
head



thorax



abdomen



wing

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