

pencil power

They make drawing so much fun! Put together aliens, frogs, spiders, ladybugs or anything your imagination can muster and keep them in the gonk from the previous page!

Materials

- Assorted pencils – glitter-covered and plain black
- 1 packet of assorted pompoms
- Assorted embellishments: feathers, pipe-cleaners, beaded chains, goggle eyes, large beads, flat-backed plastic gems, bead wire, ricrac, ladybug charm
- Craft glue
- Craft scissors

Preparation

All the pencils are different but are made with the same basic techniques. Prepare each pencil using the basic decoration steps listed below then add a combination of details to achieve your desired critters or fancy embellishments.

Basic decoration

OPTION 1

Apply glue to the top $\frac{1}{2}$ in of the pencil, then wrap a pipe-cleaner around the glued section, ensuring it is wrapped closely. Allow it to dry.

OPTION 2

Apply glue to the top $\frac{3}{8}$ in of pencil and wrap ricrac once around the tip. Trim the ends to overlap just a little and ensure the glue holds them neatly.

OPTION 3

Apply glue to the top $\frac{1}{4}$ in of the pencil and again 1in further down, then wrap the ricrac once around each section, ending it off neatly as in option 2. This



option is best if you wish to add a charm to the open section between the ricrac, as for the ladybug pencil.

Animal critters

Choose a pompom in the colour of the selected animal, such as green for the frog pencil. Glue it in place on the top of the pencil, then add a smaller pompom nose in red to the front of the green one.

At the back of the pompom on each side, glue a $\frac{1}{4}$ in pipe-cleaner to the top of the pencil and hold it until the glue is dry enough to secure it. Curl the top of the pipe-cleaners and add a goggle eye to each curled section.

For a spider, make legs from black pipe-cleaners and glue them to the base

of the pompom, or for a mouse, use a white pompom and pipe-cleaner ears.

Aliens

These projects make fabulous aliens. Use a number of small pompoms glued to a larger one, and use just one eye – or three!

Other ideas

Rather than making a critter, you may wish to simply embellish the pencil with beaded string and gemstones to make a decorative top. Or add a charm or ornamental shape between the decorative bands if you make option 3.

Tip: These pens would look fabulous stored in a Gonk from page 70. ●