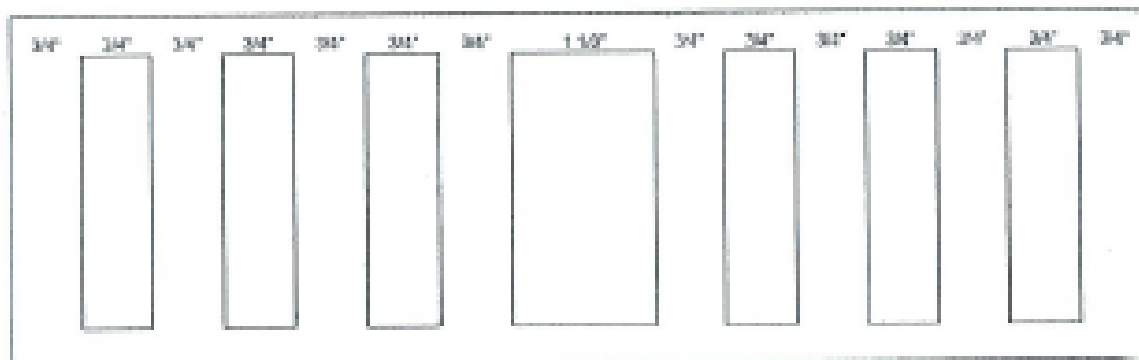


Build a Beetle - Asian longhorned beetle

What you'll need (for each beetle)

- 1 non-spring type clothespin (doll pin)
- Black spray paint
- 1½ black chenille stems (pipe cleaners), 12 inches long
- 1 white chenille stem (pipe cleaner), 12 inches long
- Shiny black mylar (we used metallic tissue sheets purchased at party store)
- 2 eyes (sequins, beads or wiggly eyes)
- DryLine correction tape (I prefer Liquid Paper brand, some of the less expensive ones tend to slide off the roller, which is frustrating for kids)
- Scissors
- Tacky glue
- 12 inch piece of cardboard or construction paper (to make guide to spray paint chenille stem for antennae)

1. Spray paint clothespin black, let dry.
2. Using the picture below as a guide, cut six ¾" and one 1½" rectangular openings in the cardboard or construction paper. Lay this over the white chenille stem and paint the parts of the stem in the openings with black spray paint, rolling the stem so you get all sides. This will give you a black and white striped stem. Let dry.



3. Glue eyes onto the "face" of the clothespin.
4. Cut 2 black chenille stems in half. Place 3 of these 6" stems side by side and twist together in the middle to form the legs; slide them into the clothespin with the twisted part in the middle and three "legs" on each side of the clothespin.
5. Twist black and white chenille stem around the "neck" securely to form the antennae.
6. Use the template below to cut out wings.
7. Use the DryLine correction tape to paint spots on the shiny side of the wings.
8. Glue the wings, shiny side up, onto the top of the clothespin.

When doing this craft for groups, I glue the eyes on ahead of time, because I've found that when the kids carry them around with wet glue the eyes fall off. I also cut out the wings ahead of time.

