



How to Make Your Own Insect Catcher

Materials:

- Mason jar and lid
- Sharp implement like scissors or screwdriver
- Putty
- Bit of fine netting, mesh, or cheesecloth
- Rubber band
- 2 bendable plastic straws

Instructions:

1. Poke 2 holes in the top of the Mason jar lid with the sharp implement
2. Insert 2 straws as shown
3. Use rubber band to secure netting, mesh, or cheesecloth to the inner end of one of the straws
4. Secure the straws in place with putty and screw the lid onto the jar
5. To use your insect catcher, position the end of the un-meshed straw above an insect, place your lips around the end of the meshed-straw, and suck in! (The insect will be sucked into the jar but the fine mesh will prevent you from sucking the insect into your mouth.)
6. Observe your bugs, draw them, name them, and even try to ID them, but remember to release your bugs in the spot in which you caught them after you're done examining them!

