

Pooters!

Fancy getting out into the great outdoors, rather than sitting in just surfing the net or playing endless computer games? This might be your big chance! Why not look into it today?



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You could make a home-made pooter for catching tiny animals without hurting them.

You'll need:

1. A jam jar and lid from the kitchen. (Ask someone first, and don't forget to empty it!)
2. About 40cm of clear plastic tube. (Try an ironmongers or a home brewing shop.) It should be 7 to 10mm across.
3. Plasticine

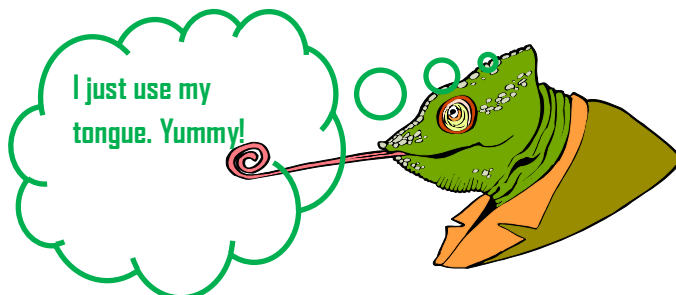
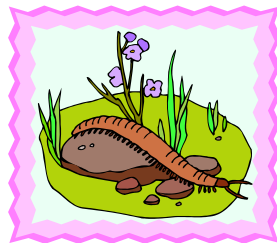


How to do it:

1. Make two holes in the jam jar lid. (Ask an adult to help.)
2. Cut two lengths of tubing – about 15 and 25cm long, and poke them through the holes in the lid. If you are worried about accidentally sucking up minibeasts, you can cover the bottom of the short tube with a small piece of net and hold it on with a rubber band.
3. Use plasticine to make the tube holes airtight and screw on the lid.
4. Now you are ready to use your pooter. Carefully suck up minibeasts by putting the long tube over them and sucking hard just once. (Pretend you're a Hoover!)

When the minibeast is in the jar,

1. Do not suck again – one animal at a time is best!
2. Take the chance to have a good look – draw or photograph your minibeast.
3. Release your minibeast back where you found it.
4. **DO NOT POOTER SLUGS AND SNAILS OR LONG LEGGED SPIDERS!**



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