



Pipe Cleaner Dragonfly

What you need:

- 3 Pipe cleaners
- Beads

Instructions:



1. Take one of your pipe cleaners and fold it in half.



2. Add about 10 plastic beads onto the pipe cleaner. Leave about 1 inch of pipe cleaner showing at the folded end.



3. Take the smaller piece of pipe cleaner and shape it into a circle, crossing over the ends by about $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch.



4. Twist the ends over the pipe cleaner circle so they are secure and hidden. You'll have a continuous circle shape.



5. Push the top and bottom of the circle inwards until they meet in the center. Make sure the wings are even. Then twist them 1-2 times to stay in place.



6. Slide your wings onto the dragonfly's body between the two pipe cleaners. Center them so the wings are even on each side.



7. Take the larger and last piece of pipe cleaner and shape it into a circle, crossing over the ends by about $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch.



8. Twist the ends over the pipe cleaner circle so they are secure and hidden. You'll have a continuous circle shape.



9. Just as with the first set of wings, slide the wings between the body's two pipe cleaners. Then carefully twist the wings tightly on both sides of the body at the top to hold the wings in place. The smaller set of wings should be closer to the dragonfly's tail. Bend and shape the pipe cleaners so they are even and shaped like wings.



10. Slide the final plastic pony bead onto the dragonfly's body so it lies on the head side of the wings.

11. Pinch the two loose ends of the dragonfly body together and carefully roll them into a spiral to make the dragonfly's head (just like in the photo below).

More Information about Dragonflies:

Dragonflies are insects that have long bodies, transparent wings, and large eyes. There are over 5,000 species of dragonflies! Dragonflies eat like to eat mosquitoes and gnats.

Because dragonflies are insects they have 6 legs, a thorax, a head, and an abdomen. Having 6 legs, the dragonfly doesn't walk very well but they are great flyers. Dragonflies can hover in one place, fly extremely fast, and even fly backwards. They are some of the fastest flying insects in the world reaching speeds of over 30 miles per hour. Dragonflies come in a variety of colors including blue, green, yellow, and red. They are some of the most colorful insects on the planet.