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## Caterpillar Shoes

### Materials:

- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Crayons and Markers
- Glue Stick
- Caterpillar Shoes Coloring Sheet

### Talk About It:

#### Fancy Footwork

Talk about how caterpillars have many legs and feet to hold up their very long bodies. How silly would you look if you had legs all the way up and down your body? Do you think you would walk slower or faster than you do now?

### Make it:

#### Step 1: Things You'll Need

Collect the items from the materials list.

**Little Hands Tip:** Can you move like a caterpillar? Do caterpillars dance?

#### Step 2: Make the Body

Cut four big circles from pieces of construction paper. These four circles will form the caterpillar's body.

#### Step 3: Make the Feet

Next, carefully cut out 10 rectangular strips for the caterpillar's feet. These should be about 4 inches long and 1 inch wide.



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## Step 4: Make the Antennae

With the remaining paper from the legs, cut out two antennae. These should be about the same size as the feet, but cut in the shape of the letter C.

## Step 5: Build It

Now it's time to bring your caterpillar to life! Help your child assemble the caterpillar. First, build the body by laying the circles out in a line. Using a glue stick or tape, attach the circle edges together in a line.

## Step 6: Make the Antennae

After you've assembled the circles for the body, flip the caterpillar over and attach the ten feet to his body, counting as you go! Once the feet have been attached, it's time to give your caterpillar antennae. Glue the C-shaped antennae to the caterpillar's head.

## Step 7: Print It Out

Print out the Caterpillar Shoes Coloring Sheet.

## Step 8: Decorate the Shoes

Encourage your child to decorate the pairs of shoes on the printout. Talk to your child about the concept of a pair. A pair is two objects that are similar and used together, like a pair of socks, shoes, or mittens.

## Step 9: Adults Do the Cutting

After your child is done decorating the shoes, carefully cut them out.

**Little Hands Tip:** Ask your child what his favorite pair of shoes are. Why?

## Step 10: Glue on the Shoes

Together with your child, glue a shoe onto each foot. You can glue in pairs or mix and match. How are the shoes different? Why or when would you wear each type of shoe?

## Step 11: Caterpillar on Display

Hang the caterpillar picture on the wall near where your family keeps its shoes! Next time you go for a walk in nature, be on the lookout for caterpillars in trees, leaves, or on the ground! When you find one, look very closely at all its tiny feet. Can you count them all?