

# The Ant



## Directions

When making the ant, there are two options. First, you may simply xerox the papers ahead of time onto the red paper for the children and let them cut it out. The second way, and the way that we do it in my class, is to cut patterns out of old file folders and let the children trace the bodies themselves and cut them out. The pattern has been provided.

Cut paper to the following sizes. Each child needs:

- 1 body: 5" x 11" red (or, if xeroxing the bodies rather than tracing, cut one 9" x 12" sheet of paper for every two children)
- 3 legs: 6" x .5" black (these will be long enough to look like six legs when glued onto the back of the ant.)
- 2 antennae: 2" x .5" black
- 2 eyes: 1" x 1" black

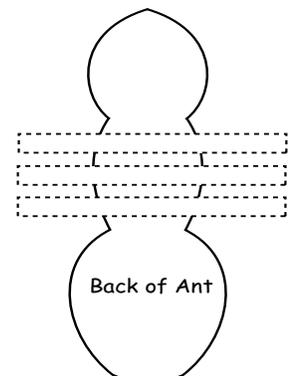
To make the ant:

The children must either trace the body and cut it out, or cut it out from the xeroxed copy, as you choose. After that, they simply glue the three long legs onto the back of the ant's body. The legs should show from the front on both sides so that it looks like there are six legs. Then, wrap each antennae piece around a pencil and hold it until it curls. Glue the antennae pieces onto the front of the ant's head as shown. Then take the two black squares and cut off the corners to form circular eyes and glue them on. My students always seem to get a kick out of it if I show them how to draw a couple of lines with a black marker on the outside of the eyes to make it look like the ant is wearing sunglasses! Add a smile, and you're done. That's it!

I always put these ants up in a line so it looks like they are marching along, one after another. They make an especially nice looking border for a spring bulletin board!



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