

How to...



Create your own marble game

What you need

- A clean plastic bottle with a lid
- Coloured tape
- Scissors
- 15 kebab sticks
- Marbles

Instructions

Stick the tape around the top and bottom of your bottle, as seen in the picture. Next, cut all of your kebab sticks in half. Keeping between the coloured bands of tape, carefully pierce holes at different points of the bottle with the scissors. Push your sticks all the way through at various angles until they come out of holes on the other side. Repeat until enough sticks cross over one another to stop the marbles from falling through. Once you're satisfied you have enough, unscrew the bottle and put the marbles inside, then screw the lid back on. To play, simply pull one stick out of the bottle at a time, trying not to let the marbles fall to the bottom of the bottle.

Try not to let the marbles fall through.

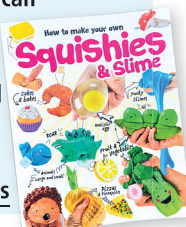
WARNING!
Be careful when using scissors to pierce the holes in the bottle.



DID YOU KNOW?
In 2017, a company in Switzerland created the world's longest marble run, measuring 2,858 metres.

More squishable fun

This activity is taken from *How to Make Your Own Squishies & Slime*, which contains more than 70 fantastic do-at-home projects that can be squished, smooshed and stretched. Find out more at www.dennis.co.uk/squishies



Make a waffle squishie

What you need

- Sponge (cut in half height ways)
- Paints
- Permanent pens
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Paintbrushes

Instructions

Begin by drawing a waffle shape onto your sponge – use a ruler to keep the lines straight. Then, following the lines you've drawn, cut the sponge into a waffle shape. You can ask an adult to help cut out the holes if it's too tricky. Paint the waffle beige all over, adding lighter or darker colours on top to make your waffle look more realistic. Add dark brown paint to create the illusion of chocolate sauce and white paint for the cream. Finally, add a few colourful dots of paint on top to add the sprinkle effect. Your squishie will look good enough to eat (but honestly, don't – it will taste nothing like a real waffle!).

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HOW TO LEND NATURE A HELPING HAND

How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear is a new book packed with practical and fun activities to help endangered animals and protect the environment. From the tiniest butterfly to the tallest giraffe, there are many species in danger because of how we live our lives. Pollution, disease and the destruction of habitats to make way for things such as buildings, are all putting creatures at risk. Here are some top tips on how you can help protect the planet's animals and make the environment we share with them a better place.

How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear is out now (rrp. £12.99) and available in all good bookshops and online. Written by Jess French and illustrated by Angela Keoghan.

Help marine animals

Making small changes when it comes to how much plastic you use, such as swapping plastic straws for paper ones, helps to reduce the amount of plastic waste that ends up in our oceans.

Plant bee-friendly seeds

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Save water

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