

# Giant Caterpillar

Celebrate spring and explore the lifecycle of one of our favorite pollinators by making a giant caterpillar to parade around!



### Materials:

- Old sheet or large pieces of fabric
- Permanent Markers
- Optional: white glue, glue dots, sequins, glitter, pom-poms, feathers, etc.

### Steps:

- Cut sheet or fabric in a long strip that is about 3 feet wide.
- Use safety pins, hot glue, or clips to hold pieces together if you need to make your caterpillar longer.
- Use the permanent markers to make a fun, colorful design. Caterpillars come in all sorts of colors and patterns to help them stand out or blend in.
- If you have it: use white glue, hot glue, or glue dots to take your decoration to the next level and add glitter, sequins, pom-poms or other fun decorations you have in your craft stash.
- Bonus: use an old pillowcase and some stuffing to make a caterpillar head to lead the parade.



### Time to March

Turn on a catchy tune and gather under the caterpillar. Bring a friend or two! Hold on tight and dance your caterpillar around your house, your yard, the park or the block.

Keep an eye out for very hungry caterpillars near you. What are they munching on? Are they camouflaged or do they have bright colors?



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