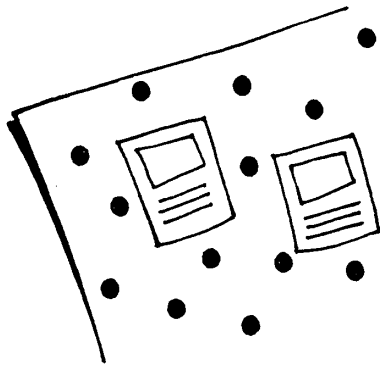


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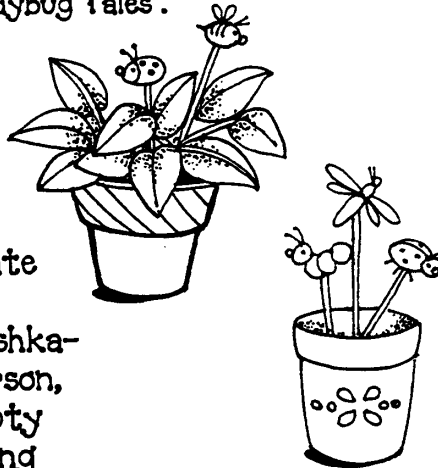


Ladybug Bulletin Board

Post a large piece of red butcher paper. Stencil, print or glue on black spots. Use this bulletin board to display student art and "Ladybug Tales".

Bug Stakes

Using pompoms, pipe cleaners, or ? create ladybugs to decorate classroom plants. Glue or wire "bugs" to chopsticks or shishkabob skewers. If you are not a plant person, Plant stakes may be displayed in an empty flower pot and used as pointers or reading wands.



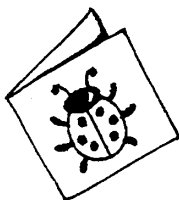
Buggy Borders

Bug Eye View

Purchase several plastic faceted "bug-eye" clear kaleidoscopes. Display these with a collection of pictures from nature: flowers, trees, birds.... Include some blank paper for students wishing to draw what they see.

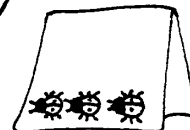
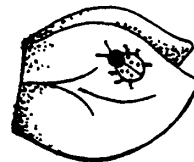


Sponge or potato print, rubber stamp, handprint or ? ladybugs on butcher paper for borders. Try mixing a liberal amount of liquid detergent to poster paint and print directly on windows (the soap makes cleanup easy). Craft stores carry compressed sponge which is very easy to cut either by hand or with a die cutter.

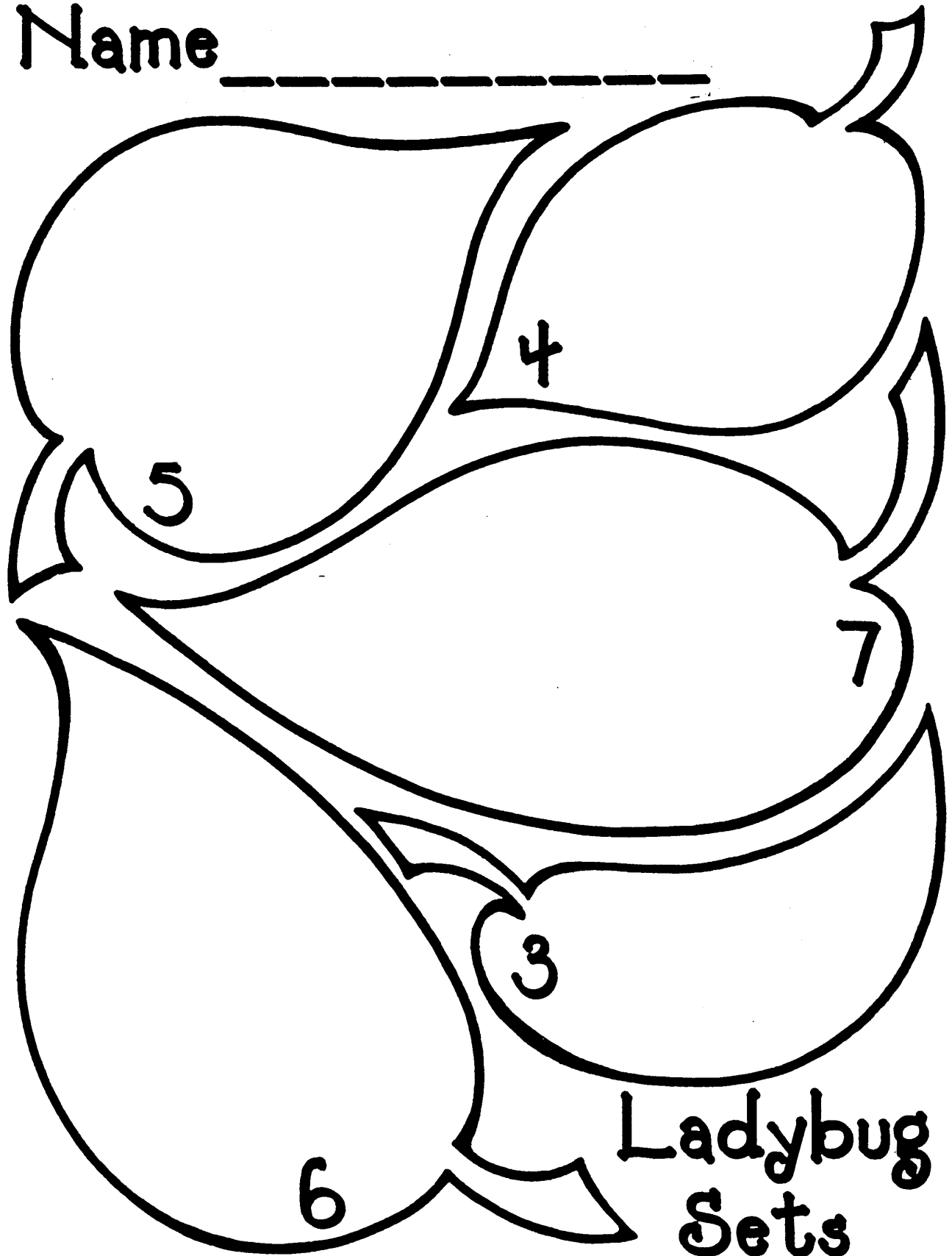


Ladybug Cards

Provide red, black and green paper along with scissors, glue and markers. Post several examples of card designs for free choosing time. A stencil or template for a leaf would be a good idea.



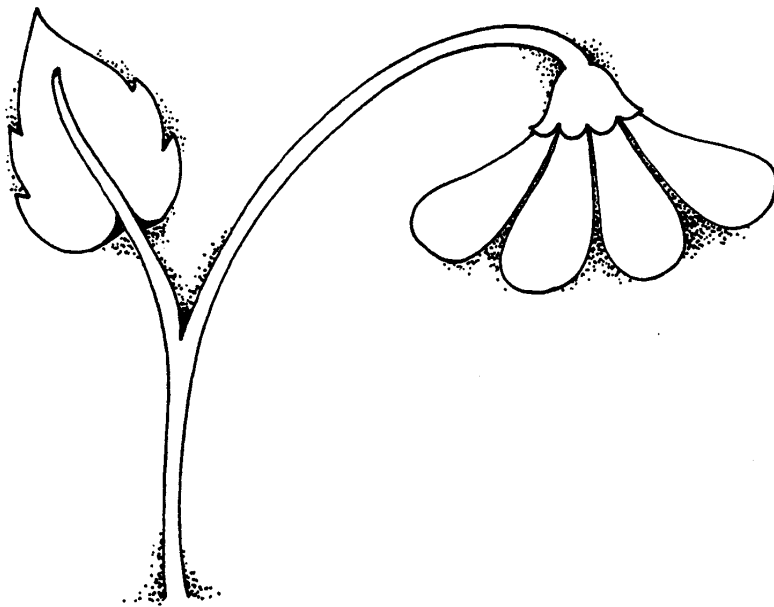
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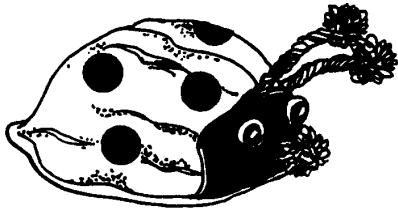
Ladybug
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Three ladybugs caught in a shower.

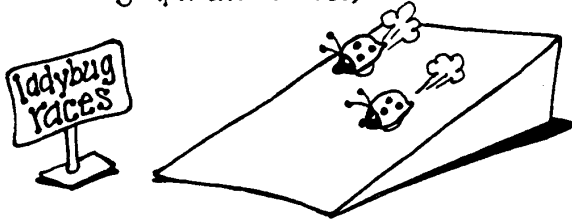


Four ladybugs hide under a flower.



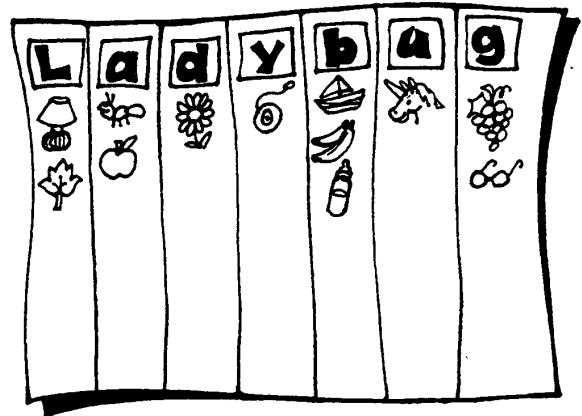
Walnut Shell Ladybugs

Paint a walnut shell to resemble a ladybug. Acrylic paints work well. Choose gloss finish or paint with a layer of clear gloss acrylic or "Mod Podge". Use the ladybugs for game markers, plant stakes (glue on a craft stick), or place them on top of a marble and have ladybug races on an inclined surface. Make predictions and then graph the results,

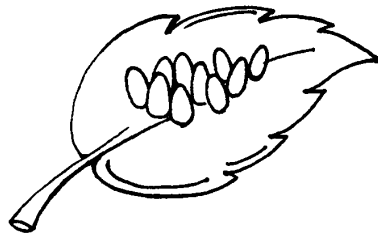


Ladybug Phonics Activity

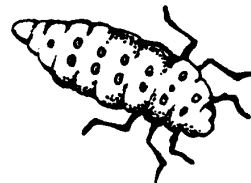
Make cards with letters spelling out "L-A-D-Y-B-U-G". Glue onto butcher paper and hang on the wall where children can reach. Have them draw or cut out pictures of items that begin with the letters and glue them in columns. (This may be an ongoing project - change the word to fit each new unit.)



Ladybug Life Cycle



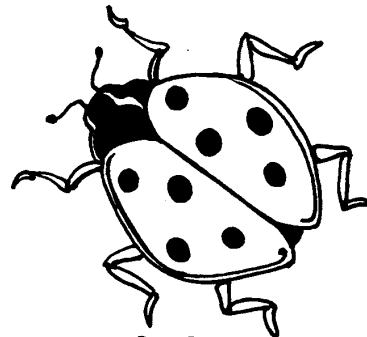
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