Make Your Own Cased Caddis!

What are caddisflies?

Caddisflies are a type of **insect**. When they are fully grown, they have wings and look a bit like moths.





Caddisfly **larvae** (young caddisflies) live in **freshwater**, such as rivers and streams. Some species build **cases** around themselves out of things they find underwater, like stones, sand, leaves, shells and seeds. These cases **protect** the soft body of the larvae.

What you'll need to make your own cased caddisfly larva:

- Toilet roll tube
- An old sock
- Cotton wool
- Pipecleaners
- Googly eyes
- Felt tip pens
- Glue
- Sellotape
- Anything you can find to decorate your case with! (Coloured paper, glitter, beads, stickers...)

What to do:

- Bend two or three pipecleaners and tape them to the inside of your toilet roll tube, forming 'legs' that stick out of the end of the tube.
- 2. Put cotton wool inside your sock, to form the body of your cased caddisfly.





- 3. Push the filled sock through the toilet roll tube, so the 'head' of your cased caddisfly is poking out of the end of the tube with the legs.
- 4. Give your caddisfly a face! Stick on some eyes and draw some features on the end of the sock that is poking out of the 'case'.





5. It's time to decorate your case! You can draw a pattern onto your toilet roll tube, and gather some bits and bobs to stick onto it too.

