

WILD FOR CHENILLE STEMS

Shape, wrap & twist
chenille stems into
**ultra-fuzzy
animals!**



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Puppet Master

All thumbs? No worries!

Finger puppets are a great project for diving into the world of chenille stem DIYs. All it takes are a few curls and coils to shape your animal, a chenille stem spiraled around your finger, and hot glue to hold everything together.



Wing It

Chenille stem butterflies in two steps:


1. Spiral the ends of two chenille stems to make each set of wings (bend a V-shape in the middle to create points).
2. Sandwich the wings between a folded chenille stem to form the body and antennae.





Supplies

- Chenille Stems
 - Light Green, Dark Green
- Scissors
- Hot Glue Gun/Glue Sticks
- Wiggle Eyes

The image features three handmade monkeys made from chenille stems, positioned on a light-colored tree branch against a green background with leaf patterns. One monkey is on the left, holding a green object. Another is on the right, holding a yellow object. The third monkey is hanging upside down from the branch below. The monkeys have two-toned fur, with darker brown on the body and lighter tan on the face and paws.

ON THE COVER: Many chenille stem embellishments (like fur, tails and antlers) can be tucked into place, but seed bead eyes and noses will need a dab of hot glue.

Creating a four-legged animal? Make the head first, then form the framework of the body to sculpt around. Connect the neck to the body, and wrap the legs and torso.

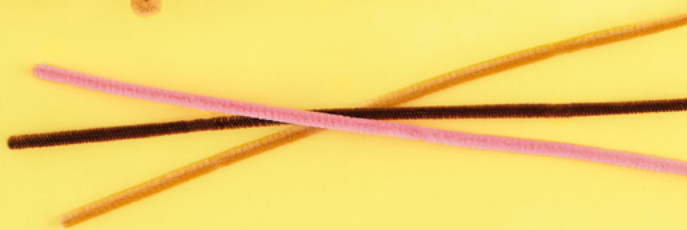
Monkey Business

The secret to the two-toned fur on these monkeys? Clever layering! Shape the head and the body from light-colored chenille stems, then wrap them with darker ones, leaving just the face and paws visible.



Supplies

- Chenille Stems
 - Light Brown, Dark Brown, Pink, Yellow
- Seed Beads
- Hot Glue Gun/Glue Sticks
- Scissors





Up A Tree

To mimic the big, bulging eyes of a frog or a chameleon, wrap a small piece of chenille stem around a black seed bead and secure it with hot glue. And use alcohol markers for a quick color change in the form of stripes or spots.



Supplies

- Chenille Stems
 - Green, Pink, Yellow
- Seed Beads
- Alcohol Marker
- Hot Glue Gun/Glue Sticks
- Scissors



Fairy Tales

Create features like ears, tails, manes and horns last, and insert them into your fully formed creature. You can glue them into place or twist them around the wrapped chenille stems.

Tip: Our unicorn doesn't need magic to stand on its hind legs. We used the tail for support.

On The Farm

Add extra fullness and structure to chenille stem creatures with polyester stuffing.

Our favorite technique: Wrap chenille stems around pieces of stuffing to form a solid base for the head and body.





Supplies

- Chenille Stems
- Pink
- Polyester Stuffing
- Wiggle Eyes
- Hot Glue Gun/Glue Sticks
- Scissors

Branch Out

The feathers on these birdies are made from bump chenille stems. Just cut them apart and fold them into wings and tails. And to give the sculptures extra support, wrap chenille stems around rolled-up felt (for the body) and a wood bead (for the head).



Supplies

- Chenille Stems
 - Orange, Pink Bump
- Felt
- Wood Bead
- Jewelry Wire
- Seed Beads
- Wire Cutters
- Hot Glue Gun/Glue Sticks
- Scissors

Create beaks from felt, and cut and shape jewelry wire to make feet.

Swim for It

Here are a few how-to's for these sea creatures! **Whale:** Wrap chenille stems around polyester stuffing to form the body (for the fish, just coil stems into shape). **Octopus:** Fold, twist and wrap eight chenille stems to create tentacles. **Coral:** Insert chenille stems into a painted foam half ball.





Supplies

- Chenille Stems
- Purple
- Polyester Stuffing
- Wiggle Eyes
- Hot Glue Gun/Glue Sticks





Picture Purr-fect

Try using different thicknesses of chenille stems to create different kinds of cats. To mimic longhaired cats (like our white Persian kitty), 15 mm chenille stems are the best option. And for shorthaired cats (like our pair of calicos), 6 mm stems work great.



Bow Wow

Are you a proud pet parent? Put that puppy love on display by recreating your canine companion with chenille stems! After forming your dog's basic shape, customize its look with features like floppy ears, multicolored fur or a fluffy tail.



Go Wild

Here are a few pro tips for these safari animals!
Lion: Fold chenille stems in a zigzag pattern to create the mane. **Giraffe:** Make the back legs shorter to capture the unique look of a giraffe. **Zebra:** Add black stripes to white chenille stems with an alcohol marker.



Supplies

- Chenille Stems
 - Light Brown,
 - Dark Brown, Black
- Seed Beads
- Hot Glue Gun/Glue Sticks
- Scissors