

# Cute-as-a-Bug Yo-Yos

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**Paint your yo-yos with polka-dotted ladybugs and colorful butterflies.**

INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK

**IMPORTANT**  
Have an adult help you with this project.

**What You'll Need**

Acrylic paints in a variety of colors (including black)

Delta Ceramcoat: All-Purpose Sealer, Matte Varnish and Sparkle Glaze (optional)

Disposable plate to use as palette

Fine-point black permanent pen

Hammer

Old towel

Paintbrushes (round brush and flat brush)

Paper towels

Pencils (one sharp, one dull)

Sandpaper

Scissors

Stylus tool or old ball-point pen

Tracing paper

Water container to clean brushes

White transfer paper

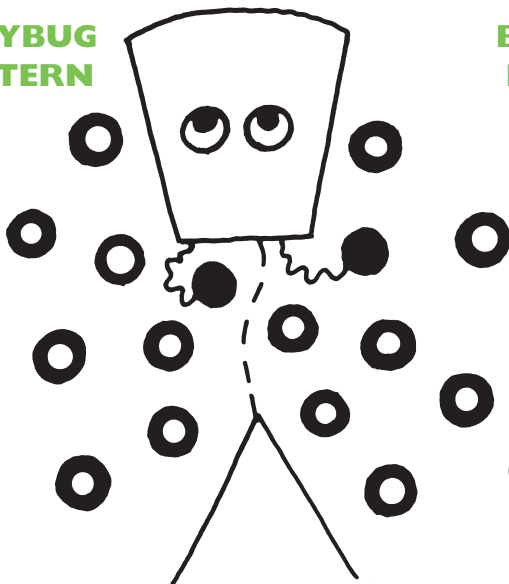
# Ladybug Yo-Yo

1. Set the small wooden dowel and the string aside.
2. Use a flat brush to apply a coat of sealer to the yo-yo. Let dry.
3. Lightly sand wood until smooth. Wipe clean.
4. Place tracing paper on top of the ladybug pattern. Trace the pattern using a sharp pencil.
5. Basecoat (paint) your yo-yo in one of the following colors: orange, red, blue, purple or green. Let dry.
6. Cut the ladybug tracing so it fits over a yo-yo. Center the tracing over the yo-yo and slip a piece of white graphite paper under the tracing (with the light side down).
7. Using a stylus, lightly transfer the head, back end, body dots, stitches and antennae onto the yo-yo. Don't do the eyes yet.
8. Basecoat the head and back end with black paint.
9. Create the body and antennae dots by dipping the handle tip of a large brush into black and applying to the yo-yo. Let dry.
10. Use a dull pencil tip to dip-dot the smaller colored dots over the black dots. Use a variety of colors. Leave the antennae dots black. Let dry.
11. Transfer the eyes pattern using white graphite and a stylus.
12. Use the handle end of a brush to dip-dot the eyes with white paint. Let dry.
13. Use a dull pencil tip to dip-dot inside the eyes with black paint. Let dry.
14. When all paint is dry, use the black pen to line the stitches and antennae. Let dry overnight.
15. Use the handle end of a brush to dip-dot Sparkle Glaze over each colored dot. (This will look cloudy but will dry clear). Let dry.
16. Brush a thin coat of matte varnish over the yo-yo. The pen lines smear, so only brush over the lines once. Let dry. Add another coat. Let dry.
17. With the help of an adult, assemble the yo-yo using a hammer and an old towel for cushioning.

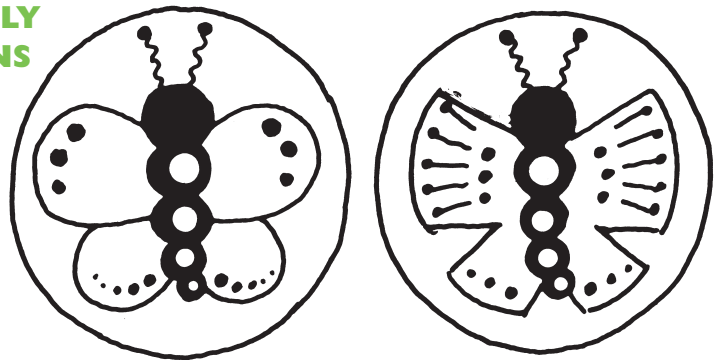
# Butterfly Yo-Yo

1. Follow Steps 1, 2 and 3 of the Ladybug Yo-Yo.
2. Place tracing paper on top of your butterfly pattern of choice. Trace the pattern using a pencil.
3. Basecoat (paint) your yo-yo in one of the following colors: orange, green or blue. Let dry.
4. Cut the butterfly tracing so it fits over a yo-yo. Center the tracing over the yo-yo and slip a piece of white graphite paper under the tracing (with the light side down).
5. Using a stylus, lightly transfer just the wings for now.
6. Use the brushes to basecoat (paint) the wings using your choice of colors. Let dry.
7. Using a stylus, lightly transfer the body and details on the wings.
8. Use a pencil eraser to dip-dot the butterfly's head. Dip-dot the rest of the body with the handles of brushes from large to small. Let dry completely.
9. Use the black pen to line the antennae and around each wing. Let pen lines dry well.
10. For the butterfly with round wings, paint the wings using your choice of colors, let dry, then add tiny dots on the edges of the wings with a stylus.
11. For the butterfly with the other type of wings, paint the wings using your choice of colors, let dry, then pull small streaks of paint using a small liner (round) brush on the upper wings. Add tiny dots as shown with a stylus.
12. Use the handle end of a brush to dip-dot the first two colored dots on the body. Use a pencil point to dip-dot the last two. Let dry.
13. Using a stylus, dip-dot the eyes and highlights on the body with white and the antennae with black. Let dry.
14. Apply Sparkle Glaze over the wings. Let dry.
15. Brush a thin coat of matte varnish over the yo-yo. The pen lines smear, so only brush over the lines once. Let dry. Add another coat. Let dry.
16. With the help of an adult, assemble the yo-yo using a hammer and an old towel for cushioning.

**LADYBUG PATTERN**



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