Climbing Critters

Welcome to #MuseumMake - a fun activity inspired by The Powell-Cotton Museum. We hope that you have a go and share your #MuseumMake with us.

Did you know one of the most popular insects in our collection is the Goliath beetle? It can be found in the Gallery 3 diorama. It hangs from a tree and is a favourite with young visitors. See if you can find it next time you visit.

You will need:
- Beetle print out
- Cardboard sheet
- Colouring pens
- String - about a metre
- 1 x drinking straw
- Scissors and glue

1. Colour the beetle and cut it out carefully.

2. Stick the beetle to the cardboard and cut it out.

3. Cut the straw into 4 equal sized pieces. Tape two pieces of straw to the back of the beetle.

4. Fold the string in half. Make a loop at the folded end by tying a knot.

5. Feed the loose ends of the string through each straw.

6. Tie a piece of straw to the end of each string to keep the beetle in place.

7. Using the loop, hang the beetle from a door handle. Make sure the beetle is at the bottom of the string.

8. Now alternate pulling each string gently and watch as your beetle climbs!

Show us how yours turn out using #MuseumMake
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[Four black-and-white drawings of beetle outlines]