



## Counting Caterpillars

How would your child like to count caterpillars that they don't have to worry about squishing! They can do just that with this activity! All you need is one box of rotini noodles, some Ziploc bags, vinegar, and food coloring. Separate the uncooked noodles into Ziploc bags. Add 1 tablespoon of vinegar and 2 or 3 drops of desired food coloring. Let your child shake the bag and then let soak for at least an hour. Then, have your child pour the noodles onto an aluminum pan and let sit for 1 additional hour. Now, your caterpillars are ready! You can help your child count them; sort by colors; and, create patterns! When the caterpillars aren't being used for learning math concepts, keep them in a small Rubbermaid bin full of rice or beans. Place some spoons, measuring cups, and large tweezers for your child to practice fine motor skills. Lots of things to learn from these little caterpillars!



