

# Paper Chain Caterpillar

## Supplies needed:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Markers or crayons
- Optional: String (to make a puppet)



Cut out 13 strips of paper that are 1 inch by 6 inches, and one that is 4 inches square.



Form one of the strips into a circle and secure it with glue.



Form the next paper strip into a circle connected to the first loop.



Continue until all 13 circles are connected, making a chain. Each loop is a segment of your caterpillar.



Simple eyes  
Mandibles  
(jaws)

Cut a circle from the paper square to make a head for the caterpillar. Using a marker or crayons, add some simple eyes. Caterpillar eyes can only detect light vs. dark. Glue on two tiny triangular jaws (mandibles). Caterpillars use these to eat leaves.



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Glue the head to the caterpillar.

**Optional:** Make a nice, tasty leaf for your caterpillar to eat and rest on.

**Optional:** Tie a string to your caterpillar's head and another one to the other end so you can use it as a puppet; you can use your puppet as you read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar."