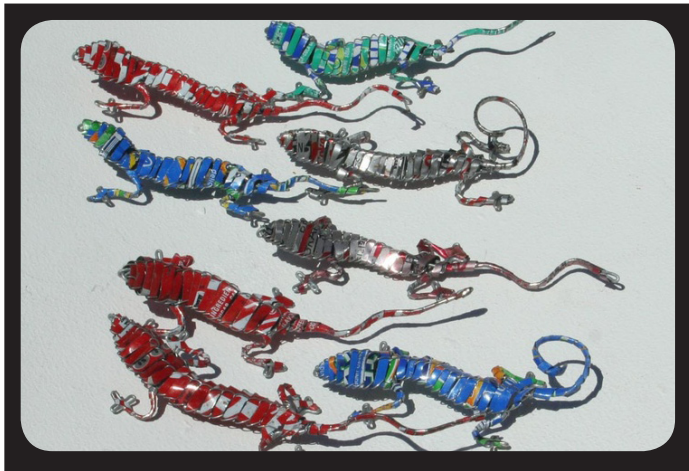
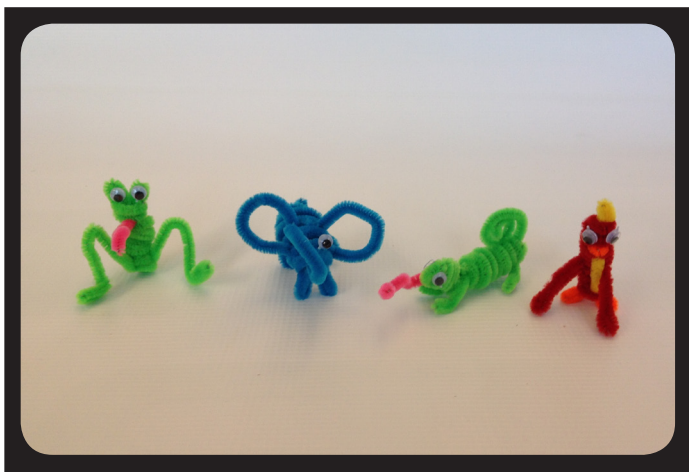


Maintaining male and female equality has been a challenge in Kenya. For many years girls did not attend school or were separated from the boys. Education is very important to Kenyans, and the country now provides education to both boys and girls. Boys' and girls' activities still tend to be separated for cultural reasons. With this in mind, here are two crafts—one for boys and one for girls. The children can get a feeling of what it would be like for boys and girls to be separated as they learn and do.



*Boys Craft—Metal Wire Art/Pipe Cleaner Animals—*  
**Supplies:** pipe cleaners, crazy eyes, glue

Many Kenyan young men are so talented at making creative art out of what some people might consider garbage. In Kenya, many workshops train young men to make toy animals, trucks, planes, and bicycles entirely by hand using recycled metals such as discarded wire, cans, and metal caps. Have your children make similar art sculptures.



**To Make a Bird:** First, Coil a red pipe cleaner around a pencil. Second, cut an orange pipe cleaner in half (about 6 inches). Then fold that in half.



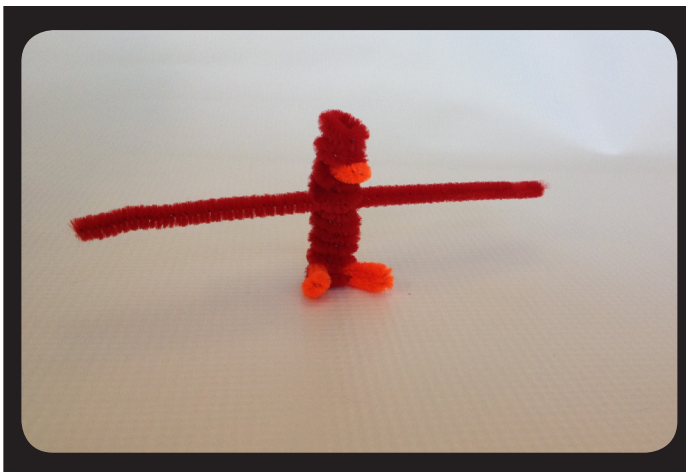
Stick the orange pipe cleaner into the coil. Poke the orange through leaving two remaining red coiled portions untouched to form the beak.



Third, bend forward the beak. Fold over and bend forward the feet. It is a little difficult to get it to balance but it is possible.



Cut a red pipe cleaner in half and stick it straight through the middle of the coil horizontally to form the wings.



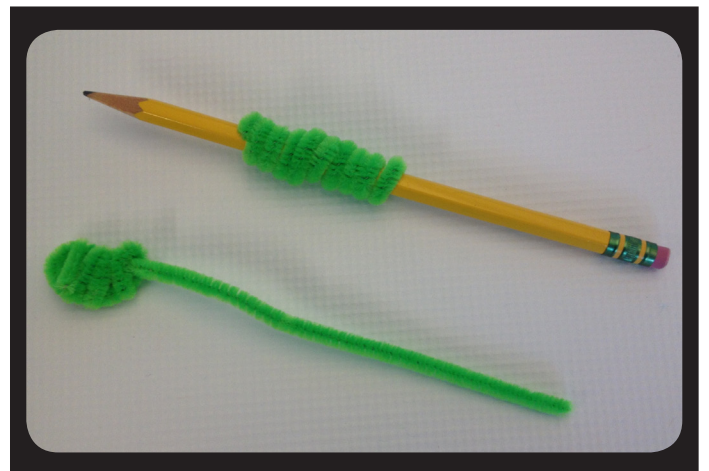
Fourth, fold over the wings. Glue on eyes. Fifth, cut a yellow pipe cleaner in half. Then cut the halved pipe cleaner in half. Poke the yellow pipe cleaner through the top of the bird's head and then allow to peak through below the beak. This creates a feather look on the head and chest/stomach area.



**To Make a Chameleon:** First, loop a green pipe cleaner in half. The looped circle portion will be the chameleon's head.



Second, twirl one end of the pipe cleaner around the loop until it forms the chameleon's head. Coil a second green pipe cleaner around a pencil. Coil more loosely in the middle to form a narrow neck then larger body and then smaller bottom.



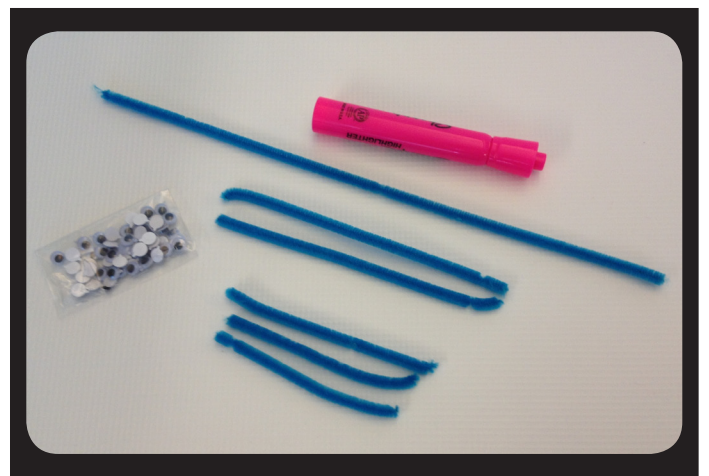
Third, stick the straight portion through the coiled pipe cleaner and curl to form the tail.



Cut a green pipe cleaner in half for the legs, bending over the ends for the feet. Fourth, take one leg and locate where the neck starts going into the body. Stick the leg straight through the middle of the coil horizontally to form a leg on each side of the chameleon. Take the other leg and bend it over where the bottom ends and the tail begins to form the other legs.



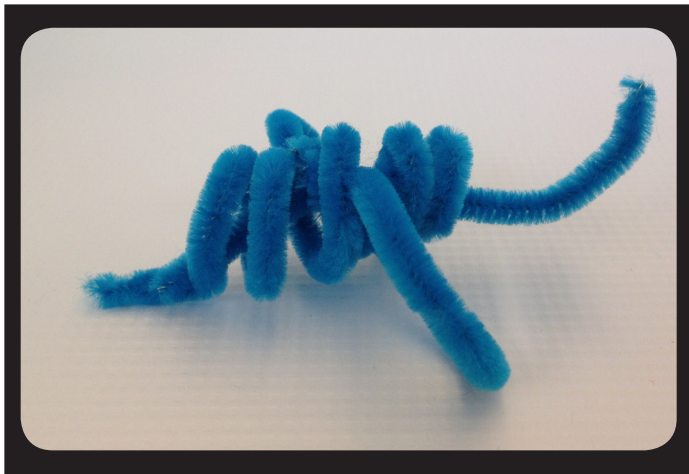
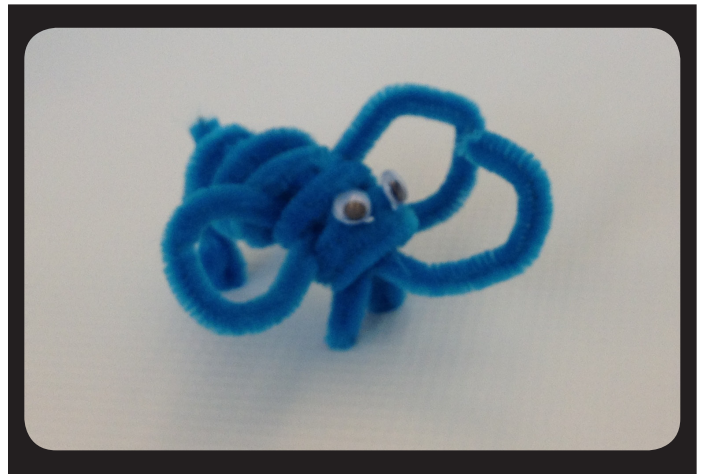
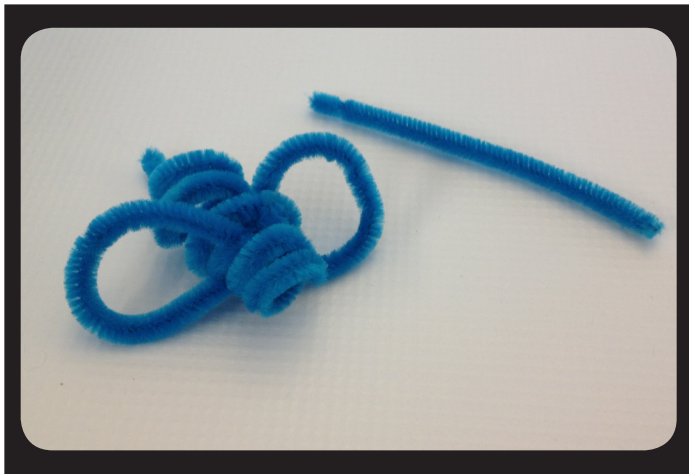
Fifth, cut a red pipe cleaner in half. Make it into waves with one end curled up to form the tongue. Tuck the other end into the head of the chameleon to place the tongue. Glue on eyes.



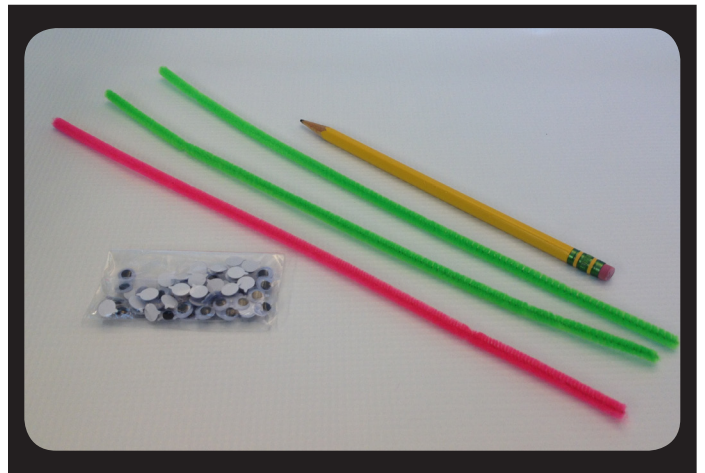
**To Make an Elephant:** First, coil a blue or gray pipe cleaner around a marker. Stick out a little tail on one end.



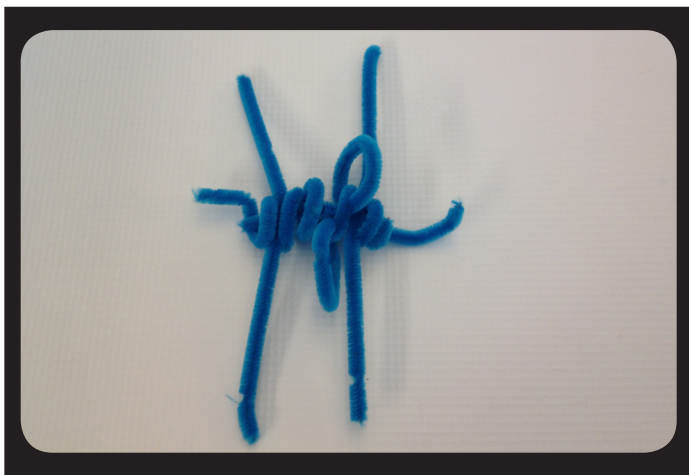
Second, cut a same color pipe cleaner into thirds. Attach one to each side in a loop to form the ears on each side. Attach the remaining third piece to the front as a trunk.



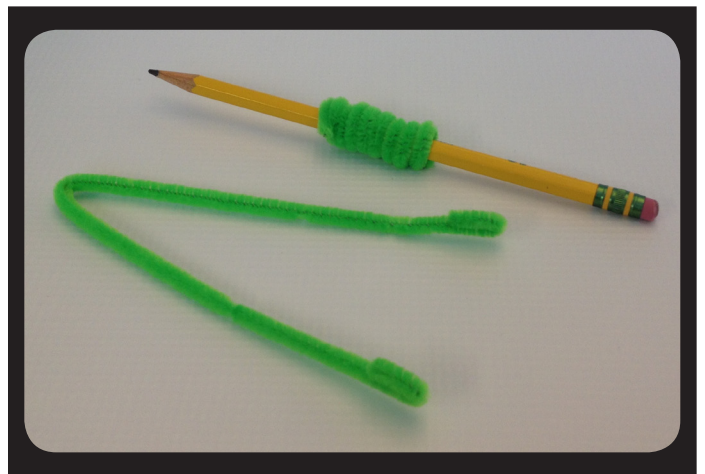
Third, cut another pipe cleaner in the same color in half. Stick them both through the bottom of the coil to form the legs.



**To Make a Frog:** First, coil a green pipe cleaner loosely around a pencil. Fold another pipe cleaner in half and then bend back the two ends.



Forth, fold down all four of the legs. Fold up each of the feet. The back legs may have to be a little shorter than the front to balance the elephant to stand. Fifth, glue on eyes.

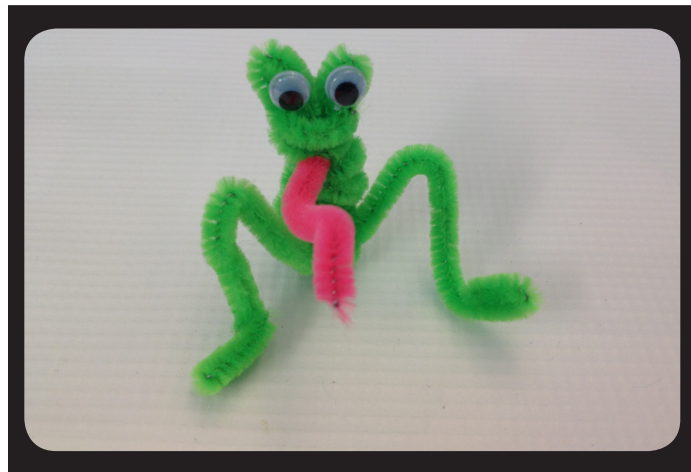


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Second, fold back both sides to make a sort of heart shape at the top. These will be the eyes.



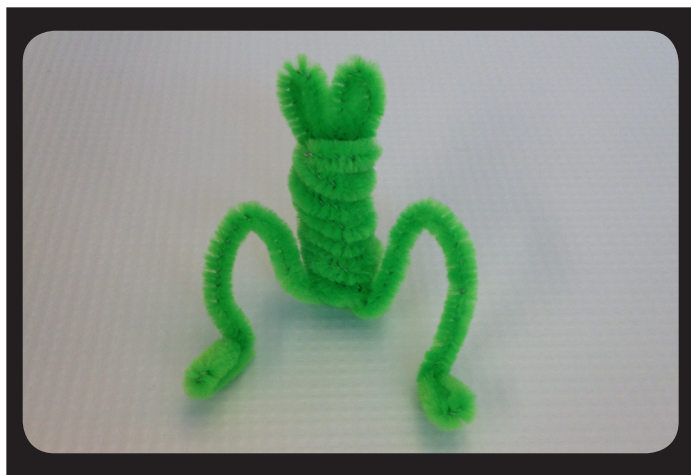
Fifth, bend down the legs. Glue on little eyes. Add a red or orange tongue.



Third, stick this second pipe cleaner through the coil. Stick the feet out of the bottom coil.



Fourth, pull down the second pipe cleaner until the eyes portion is barely sticking out of the top of the coil. Then fold up each leg.





Give each girl a piece of white cloth and fabric markers. Allow them to view the different *maridadi* designs and then let them make their own *maridadi* design expressing a story of where they live or how they are feeling. You may need to place pieces of cardboard under the fabric in case the markers bleed through

*Girls Craft—Maridadi fabrics—Supplies:* white cloth, fabric markers, cardboard squares

*Maridadi* fabrics are well-known, hand-screened, bold and colorful cloths found mostly in Nairobi, Kenya. The Swahili adjective *maridadi* means “pretty” and “decorated.” They are pictures or patterns that tell an African story or express an emotion. They often include a wise saying or a proverb.

