

# Spike's Daily Activity

## Theme; Wildlife

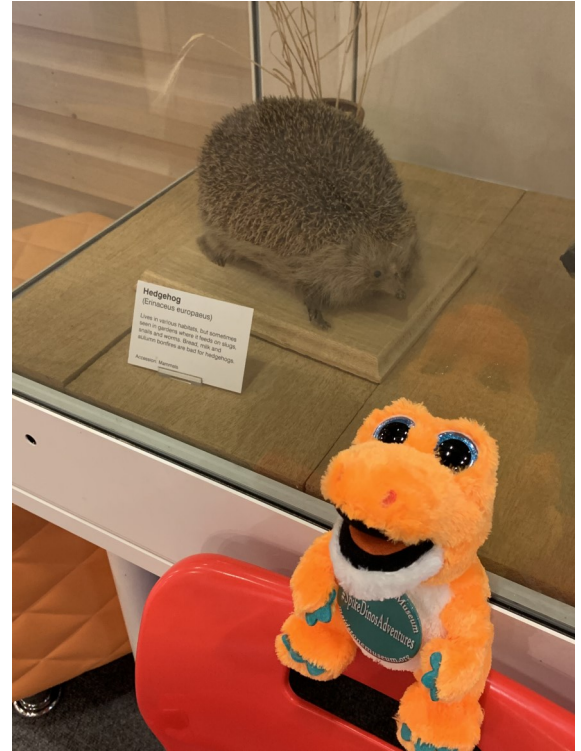
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#### Wildlife; Hedgehogs

Spike found this hedgehog in the Natural History gallery. He thinks it looks like was a well fed hedgehog.

Hedgehogs live in lots of habitats including gardens, fields and hedgerows. They like to eat slugs, snails and worms. When hedgehogs visit gardens they are looking for food but feeding them bread and milk is bad for them. It is ok to leave them food such as tinned cat or dog food (not fish) or crushed dog or cat biscuits. And only water should be provided for them to drink. If having a bonfire, you should always check under the leaves as hedgehogs like the warmth of a leaf pile, and will often try and hibernate there in the winter.



Now some science;

Hedgehogs are from the subfamily Erinaceinae. There are 17 species of hedgehog found in parts of Europe, Asia, Africa and New Zealand. There are none in Australia or the Americas.

A baby hedgehog is called a hoglet. When they are born they are blind and their quills are covered in a protective membrane which dries and shrinks allowing the quills to begin to emerge through the skin.

Hedgehog spines fall out naturally during adolescence as well as at other times in their life. This is called quilling.

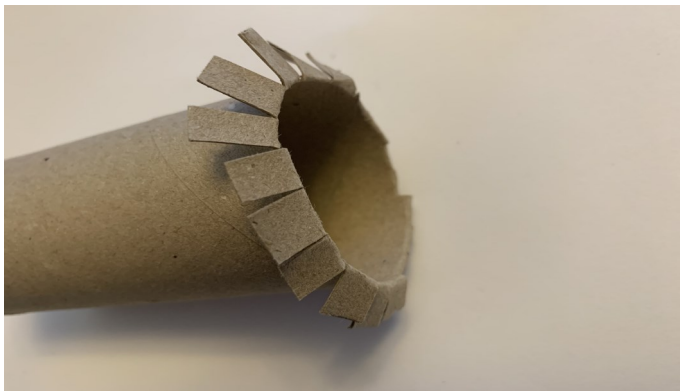
Hedgehogs live for 4-7 years in the wild—sometimes longer. Their main predators are badgers and eagle owls.

Activity; Make your own hedgehog from a toilet roll. Follow the instructions on the next page.

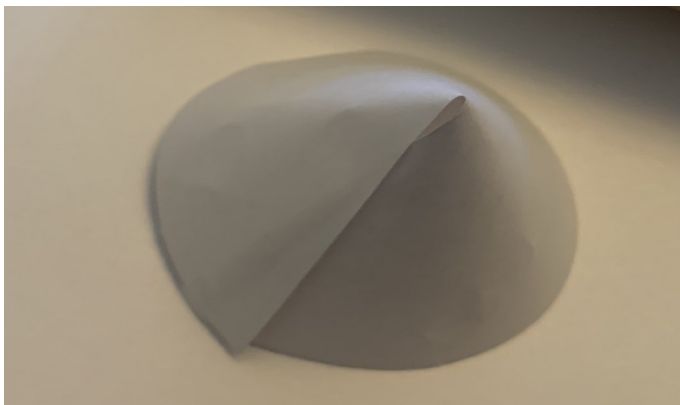
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**Step 1.** Gather your materials. You will need a toilet roll, scissors, coloured paper, coloured pens, glue. You will also need to cut out the semi circle on the next page.

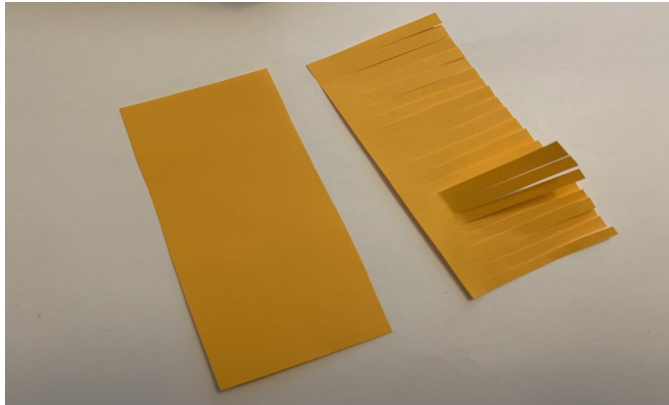


**Step 2.** Cut 1cm flaps into one end of the tube and bend them back.

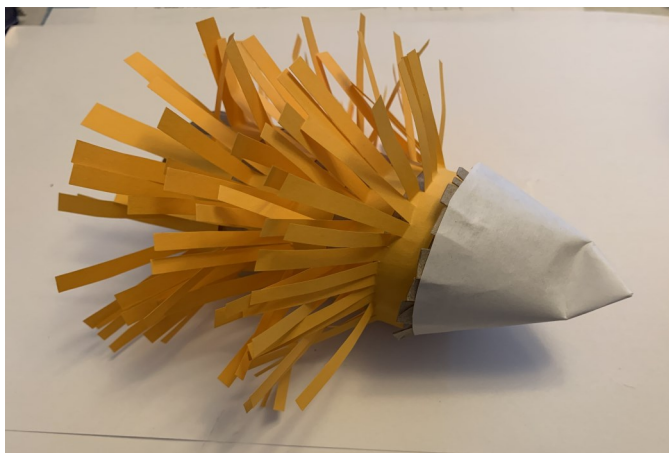


**Step 3.** take the semi circle (cut out form below) glue half way along the straight edge and stick into a cone. Stick this over the flap end of the tube. Bend it slightly to create the hedgehog snout.

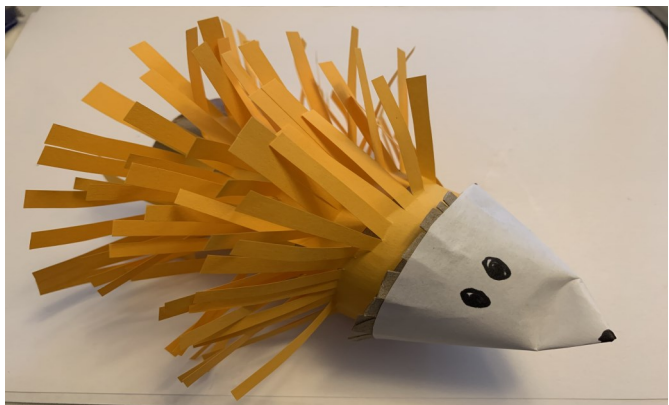




**Step 4.** Take strips of coloured paper approx. 5x10 cm and cut thin strips to about 1cm from the edge of the paper. Stick to tube. Bend the spikes upwards. Continue until the tube is covered.



**Step 5.** Draw on eyes and a nose.



You have finished your hedgehog. Why don't you share what you have created with us

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