Make a paper hedgehog

This activity is inspired by autumn. As we enter this new season, hedgehogs across the UK are preparing for hibernation. This is a state that some animals enter in order to survive colder weather. It can range from going to sleep for months to simply reducing how much they move about. At this time of year you have a good chance of spotting hedgehogs because they are usually out and about – fattening themselves up on insects and gathering dry leaves to make cosy nests. Just in case you aren't lucky enough to spy a hedgehog, why not craft your own from old newspapers or magazines?

TOP TIPS

Stacking several strips together makes it quicker to cut the fringes.

What you need

- Newspaper or magazines
- Masking tape
- Scissors
- Brown paper or an envelope
- Glue
- A glue brush
- A ruler

1 Scrunch a sheet of newspaper into a ball and, one at a time, wrap five or six more sheets on top. Squash the paper into a tight ball with a point at one end for the nose, then wrap with masking tape to keep it together.

2 Cut a strip of brown paper, or an old envelope, measuring 15cm long and 10cm wide. Brush the paper with glue on one side and then wrap it around the hedgehog's head to create its pointy snout and face.

3 Cut 10 to 12 strips, each 4cm wide, from newspapers or magazines to make the prickles. Use your scissors to snip into one edge of them and create a fringe, cutting to about halfway through the strips. Glue the strips round the body, starting at the back so they overlap.

4 Glue more strips until the body is covered up all the way to the head. Glue a thin strip of black paper from a newspaper or magazine around the end of the nose and cut out small black paper circles for the eyes. Your hedgehog is complete!

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