



## Create Your Own Hedgehogs

Practice your woodworking and fine motor skills by making a cute hedgehog.



### Materials:

- Wood (2 x 4 works well; cut to desired shape)
- Nails
- Black pom pom
- Hammer
- Black sharpie
- Hot glue

### Directions:

1. Share fun facts about hedgehogs. Consider using playdough and toothpicks or spaghetti noodles to make a practice hedgehog.
2. Model how to safely hammer nails.
3. Add spines to the back of hedgehog using hammer and nails.
4. Use a black sharpie marker to color eyes on your hedgehog.



5. Glue on the pom pom for the hedgehog nose.

6. Don't forget to put your name on the bottom of your hedgehog.



### Fun Facts about Hedgehogs

- Hedgehogs are famous for their prickly spines, which they have everywhere except their face, legs, and bellies. They have around 5000-7000 spines on their back.
- Hedgehogs raise and lower their spines when they feel threatened.
- Hedgehogs curl into a spikey ball when predators such as badgers are around.
- Hedgehogs are nocturnal which means they are the most active at night.
- Hedgehogs rely on hearing and smell because they have poor eyesight.
- Hedgehogs are not picky eaters. They eat insects, slugs, worms, fruit, etc.
- Hedgehogs are solitary creatures which means they spend most of their life living alone.



### Helpful Tips:

- Is your hedgehog not pokey enough? Look for nails in your garage that you could add to hedgehog.
- Consider sanding and painting your hedgehog before adding nails.
- Go to the library and see if you can find a book about a hedgehog.

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