

Summer Science Activity: Green Pest Police

Some insects are interesting to study and collect. But for pesky flies and mosquitoes, sometimes “good riddance” is the family goal. Cut down on pesticides and chemicals, and experiment with these green solutions first. For fun, try both fly paper versions and see which works best!

Make-Your-Own Fly Paper – Version #1

Materials:

- 1 cup corn syrup or Golden syrup
 - 1 cup white or brown sugar
 - 1 cup water
 - Brown paper bags
 - Scotch™ Precision Scissors or Scotch® Kids Scissors
 - Scotch® Masking Tape
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Procedure:

1. Mix syrup, sugar and water in a saucepan, cook over medium heat and bring to a slow boil. Cook and stir until the mixture is thick. Cool for 15 minutes.
 2. Cut brown paper bags into long strips.
 3. Dip the strips into the sticky mixture, leaving two inches bare at the top. Depending on the thickness of the mixture, you may need to slather it on the paper with a wooden spoon (or add more water).
 4. Place strips of masking tape at the top and hang the fly paper in strategic areas. (Just be sure to warn your sister so she doesn't get it stuck in her hair!)
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Make-Your-Own Fly Paper – Version #2

Materials:

- Brown paper bags
- Scotch™ Precision Scissors or Scotch® Kids Scissors
- Scotch® Masking tape
- Scotch® Double-Sided Tape
- Scotch® Packaging Tape



Procedure:

1. Cut paper bags into long strips.
2. Place a few strips of double-sided tape (or regular Scotch[®] Magic[™] Tape rolled into small circles) onto one side of the strips.
3. Cover that side with long strips of packaging tape, sticky side up.
4. Turn over the strips and repeat steps 2 and 3.
5. Use masking tape at the top to hang your pieces of fly paper.

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