Make a Blood Sucking Mosquito Straw!

Equipment

- A straw (any type is fine) for the body / proboscis
- Pipe cleaners or strips of paper / thin card for the body
- A medium pom pom or section of an egg carton, a piece of toilet roll tube or rolled up cardboard is fine, for the head.
- Colouring pens or pencils
- Eye stickers, round stickers or googly eyes
- Pipe cleaners or rolled up paper / card / paper straws for legs
- Paper or plastic to make wings
- Glue, tape or double-sided sticky pads
- Paper
- Juice or water, red colour (food colouring / or red juice or squash) if you have it or any other colour is fine if you don't.

Method

1) Use the straw as the base, leave 5cm of straw at each end free, so it can stick out like the proboscis of the mosquito on one end and so you have room to suck up 'blood' from the other end.
2) In the middle wind either card/ paper strips or pipe cleaners around the straw to make the body section thicker
3) Onto the body add 3 legs each side with pipe cleaners, paper straws or rolled up paper
4) At one end stick a head – this could be a pom pom, egg box section or 3cm piece of toilet roll tube.
5) If you want to, colour or paint the head
6) Add googly eyes / eye stickers or draw eyes on the head
7) Cut out some wings from paper or plastic and stick on behind the head
8) Make some red water or juice /squash
9) Use your mosquito straw to suck up the drink / pretend blood to become a vampire vector! Why not add some cupcake sprinkles into the 'blood' as pretend parasites?!





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