Woolly Caterpillar Game

Hide coloured wool or other coloured objects around a game space.

Can you find all your coloured 'caterpillars'

Which ones were the easiest to find?

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Find out how caterpillars keep safe

Aim

Can you find different coloured objects hidden around your house or garden?

Your challenge

Which colours are easiest to find?

Game ingredients

1. Lengths of different coloured wool or different coloured objects like LEGO or hair scrunchies.
2. A place to hide each of the objects e.g. in different places in your garden or different places in your house
3. A timer

How to play?

1. Get a family member to set up your game area by hiding bits of wool in different places. If you are playing by yourself, leave your bits of wool where they are for half an hour. You will probably forget where you have put them by then!
2. Go around your area and find your caterpillars.
3. If you wish, draw a caterpillar and add the wool bits or objects you find to your caterpillar body. This will show you which colours you found first and last.

Your challenge questions

Have you found them all?

Which colours did you find first and last? Why was this?

What happened?

Brightly coloured caterpillars

Did you find these ones first?

- You probably did because they stand out. Caterpillars with bright colours have them because the colour acts as a warning.

- Their colours tell predators not to eat them because they are poisonous.

- Their colours and markings also make them seem bigger and scarier than they actually are, making the predator run away.

Dark or green caterpillars

Did you find these ones last?

I would guess you did because they are camouflaged. This means that their colour helps the caterpillar to blend into the habitat (home) where they live. This makes them harder to see. Usually they live on a leaf or a branch of a tree. This is why caterpillars are often green or brown colours.