

How to Make a Pooter:

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You will need:

- An empty glass jar with lid (eg jam jar, pasta sauce jar, mayonnaise jar, etc.). A plastic bottle could also be used if you have no jars.
- Nails or something sharp that will pierce the jar lid
- 2 plastic straws
- Sellotape or elastic band
- Blue-tack or play-dough
- Small piece of netting (jay cloth or mesh)

Instructions (**Make sure an adult helps with Step 1**):

1. Punch or drill 2 small holes in the lid of the jar, wide enough for the straw to fit in (make sure the holes are not too close together or too close to the edge)
2. Place one straw in each hole so that there is about 5cm of straw in the jar. Place the straw so that the smaller part before the bend is inside the jar. Put blue-tack/play-dough around the edges of the hole to hold the straws in place.
3. Unscrew the lid from the jar. Put the netting over the end of one straw & secure in place (around the side of the straw) with sellotape or elastic band.
4. Place the lid back on. To use the pooter, place the top of the straw with the netting on the inside of the jar in your mouth & aim the other straw at any insects you want to trap. Suck hard through the netted straw to pull the insects up their straw & into the jar. The mesh stops the insects getting sucked into your mouth.