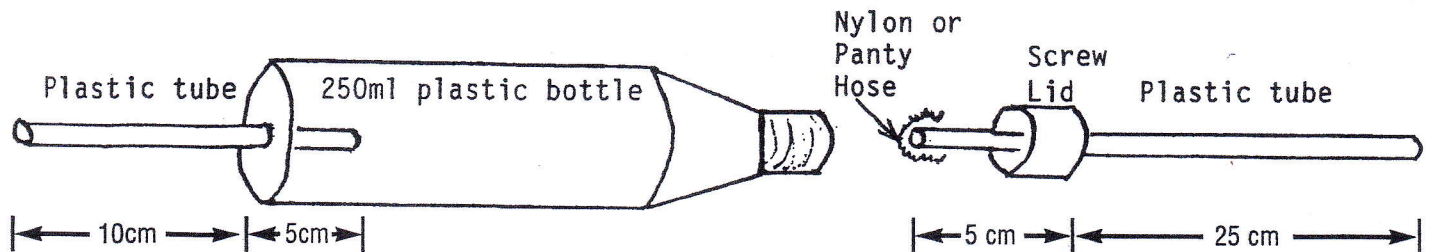


# MAKE A POOTER

I know, I know! – You are going to ask me: “What’s a Pooter? Is it a gadget Professor Poo uses it collect wildlife poo?” Wrong! You can use it to catch insects. Here is how to make one.



## Materials

- 250 ml plastic drink bottle.
- Plastic tube 45 cm long – 5 mm inside, 8 mm outside diameter.
- Small piece panty hose or fine-knitted nylon.
- Sticky tape.

## Tools

- 7 mm or 9/32” drill bit.
- Hand or electric drill.
- Sharp knife.

## Use of Pooter

- Find insects small enough to be sucked through the tube in bottom of bottle.
- Suck hard from top end of long tube. Awesome fun!
- For places to find critters:  
Read page 22 again – “Where You Can go Bug Wild”
- Suck critters off your “shake sheet”.

## Method of Making

- Drill two holes 7 mm in diameter:  
One through the lid  
The other through centre bottom of bottle.
- Cut the 45 cm plastic tube into lengths of 15 cm and 30 cm.
- Insert long piece into lid as per diagram.
- Insert short piece into bottle bottom as per diagram.
- Tape a piece of panty hose or nylon over “inside-bottle-end” of 30 cm long plastic tube. This is to stop insects and other bits being sucked into your lungs! An adult **MUST** check this step before use!
- Screw lid onto bottle.
- One pooter ready for buggy action!

## Rules for Catching and Keeping Critters

Adult supervision is recommended for all activities

- Always care for your critters.
- Never catch or handle bees, bull ants, centipedes, hairy caterpillars, scorpions, spiders or wasps. They can bite!
- Always replace rocks, logs and bark. Critters’ homes!
- Don’t wreck or trample habitat where you are looking for critters.
- Never leave your critter container in the sun or other hot places. Your critters will be grilled!
- Only keep critters for a few hours unless you are giving them the proper food. Ask an adult to check the food.
- Always return your critters to the exact place where you found them.

## The Cool Critter Challenge!

See if you can find or catch in your back yard, school ground or park, a CRITTER with:

- the biggest bottom;
- the awesomest jaws;
- mega compound eyes;
- smelly stuff squirting out;
- lots of wee wee;
- a “glow in the dark” body bit;
- a feral face;
- hairy “armpits”

- Check with your friends to see which ones they have found.

Have Fun !!!

**Wild Man**

