

# Minibeasts Basket

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## Hints & Tips

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- Play can you find me e.g. the spider, the leaf etc. Play find me the red insect with spots. Find me the creature that flies etc. This helps with developing good listening skills.
- Let the children explore the contents independently. They may choose to simply empty and fill the baskets. Some children will be busy transporting the contents from one place to another. Dependent upon their schematic interests they will play with them in a way that engages them.
- Think about stories and rhymes that relate to the content e.g. Incy Wincy Spider  
Ladybird, Ladybird .....
- Use the contents as 'treasure'. Hide the various creatures around the setting. You may want to play "hotter, hotter, colder, colder" when they are getting nearer.
- Play matching games. Can you find me something stripy like the bee? Match the flowers to the basket.
- Can you find the real minibeasts? This may lead into a topic about these creatures. Support the children's understanding with the relevant books or web information.

