



Blue tit food chain mobile

Baby blue tits eat lovely, juicy caterpillars! It is estimated that one baby blue tit can eat up to 150 caterpillars each day. When you think that a female blue tit can lay up to 13 eggs, that's a lot of baby blue tits – and an awful lot of caterpillars!

Information for activity leader:

- Photocopy this template onto card for the best effect – paper is too flimsy.

You will need:

- Yellow, blue, grey and green colouring pencils
- Scissors
- String

What to do:

- Colour the oak leaves and the caterpillars green. Colour the top of the blue tit's head, the wing and the tail blue. Colour the tummy yellow and the back green. Colour the beak grey.
- Carefully cut out each shape along the dotted lines.
- There are two different ways of making this mobile. One way is to cut one long piece of string. Thread one end through the hole in one of the oak leaves, so that you have a short piece of string on one side, and the long piece on the other. Tie a knot to attach the leaf to the string.
- Add the next oak leaf further along the piece of string in the same way. Continue adding the mobile pieces, finishing with the blue tit at the top, followed by the caterpillars and finally the leaves.
- The other way is to cut two pieces of string, both about 10 cm long. Tie an oak leaf onto either end of one piece. Tie the caterpillars onto the other.
- Cut a longer piece of string, and tie a loop in the top to hang your mobile from. Beneath the loop, add the blue tit and tie it in place. Tie the other end of this long string around the middle of the two shorter strings. The blue tit should be at the top, and the leaves and caterpillars should hang beneath it.

Now you have made a food chain mobile! Caterpillars eat the oak leaves, and then blue tits eat the caterpillars.



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