Lento the Snail

A little paper ladybug to cut out and put together



Nina is a little paper ladybug who lives on the giant flower in the quiet garden. She drifts down slowly, rests for a while on a shell or a petal, and then floats away again. Take your time with her, just as she does with everything. You can read this out loud, and build her together, side by side.

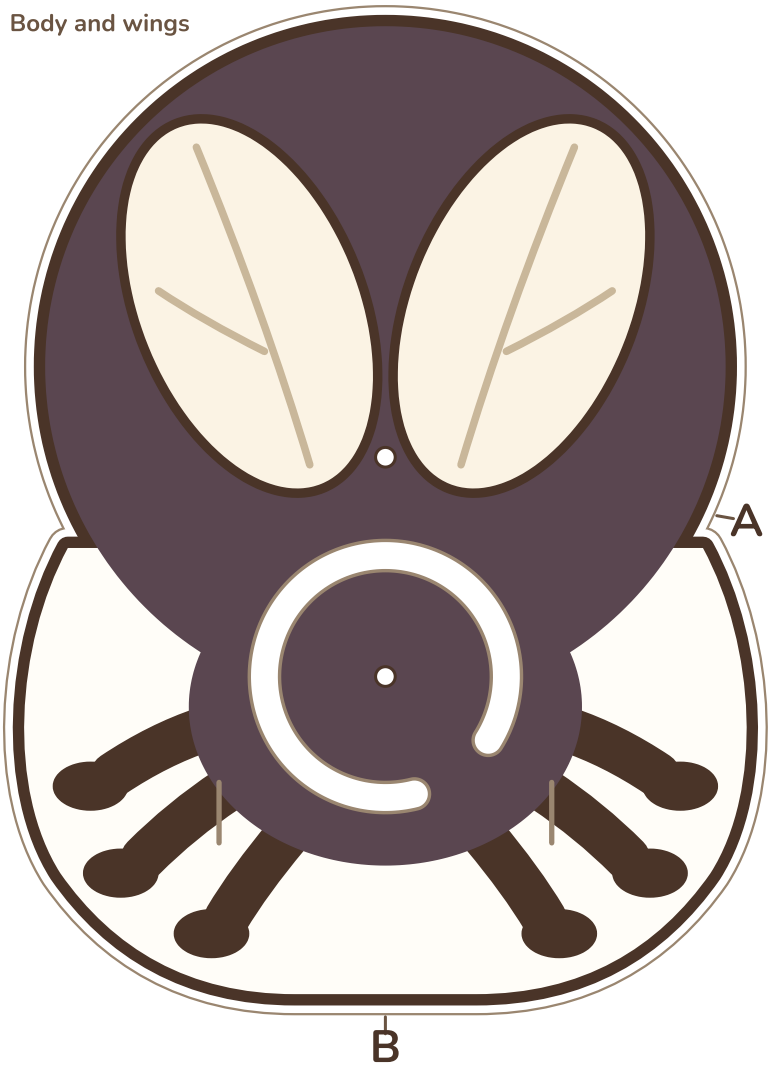
What you need

- Card, 250–300 g/m² (for page 2)
- Scissors
- 2 paper fasteners (brads)
- A needle or an awl
- A grown-up

Please note. Paper fasteners and the needle are small and sharp: a grown-up pierces the dots and fastens the pieces. Not for children under 3.

Nina the Ladybug · cut-out

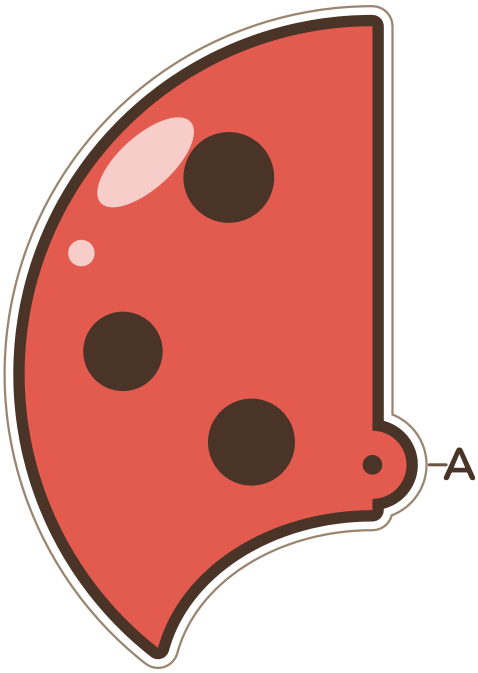
Body and wings



Head



Wing cover



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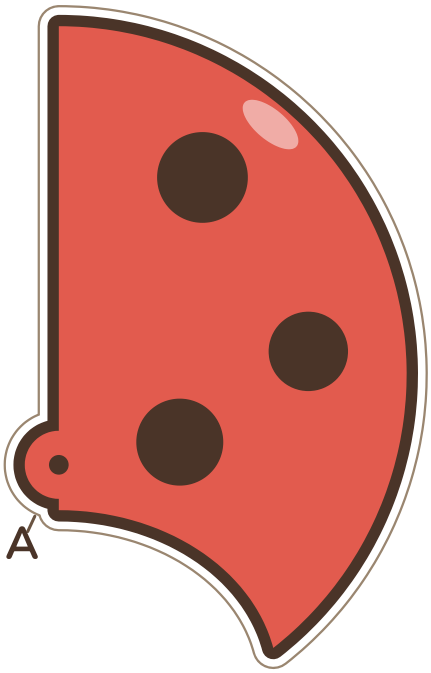
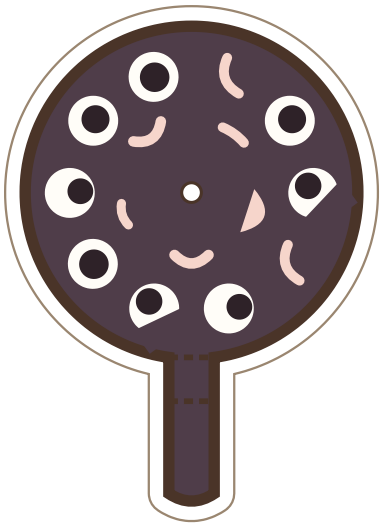


Face wheel



Cut on the thin grey lines. Cut out the two eye windows and the mouth window in the head, and the curved slot and the two short slits in the body.

● Pierce each dot, then join with a paper fastener (2 in all). The letters sit outside the cut line.

- - - fold 90° backwards.

Card: 250–300 g/m². Print at 100%, no scaling.



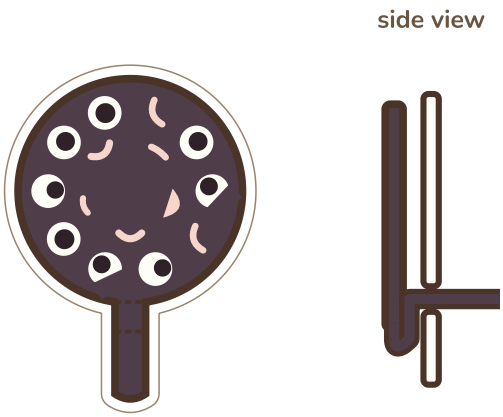
50 mm

Putting Nina together

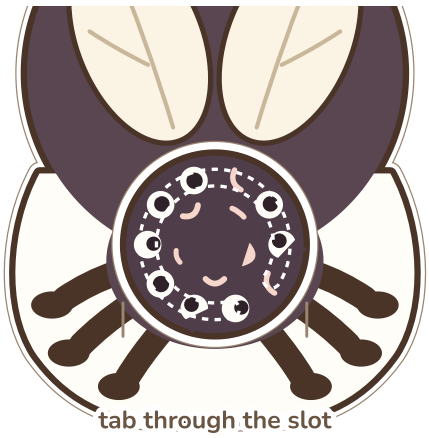
The letters match the ones around the pieces on page 2. Dashed circles show what hides behind a piece.



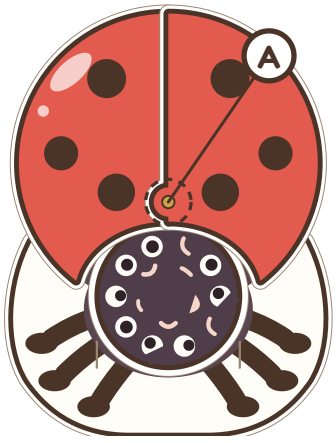
1 · Cut. Cut on the thin grey line. Cut out the head's three windows, and the curved slot and the two short slits in the body. A grown-up pierces the dots.



2 · Fold. Fold the wheel's tab back under the wheel on the first dashed line, then 90° backwards on the second.



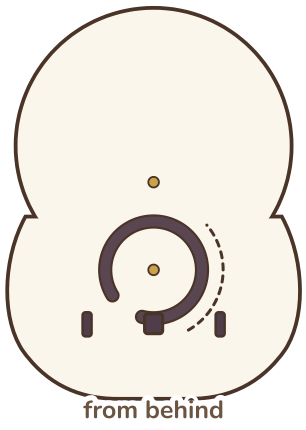
3 · Slot. Wheel on the body: push its tab through the curved slot from the front. Don't fasten yet.



4 · A. Wing covers on the body, over the top dot (A). Fasten them: they open like wings.



5 · B. Fold the head's two side tabs back and push them into the body's two slits, so the head can't turn. Fasten through B, the nose.

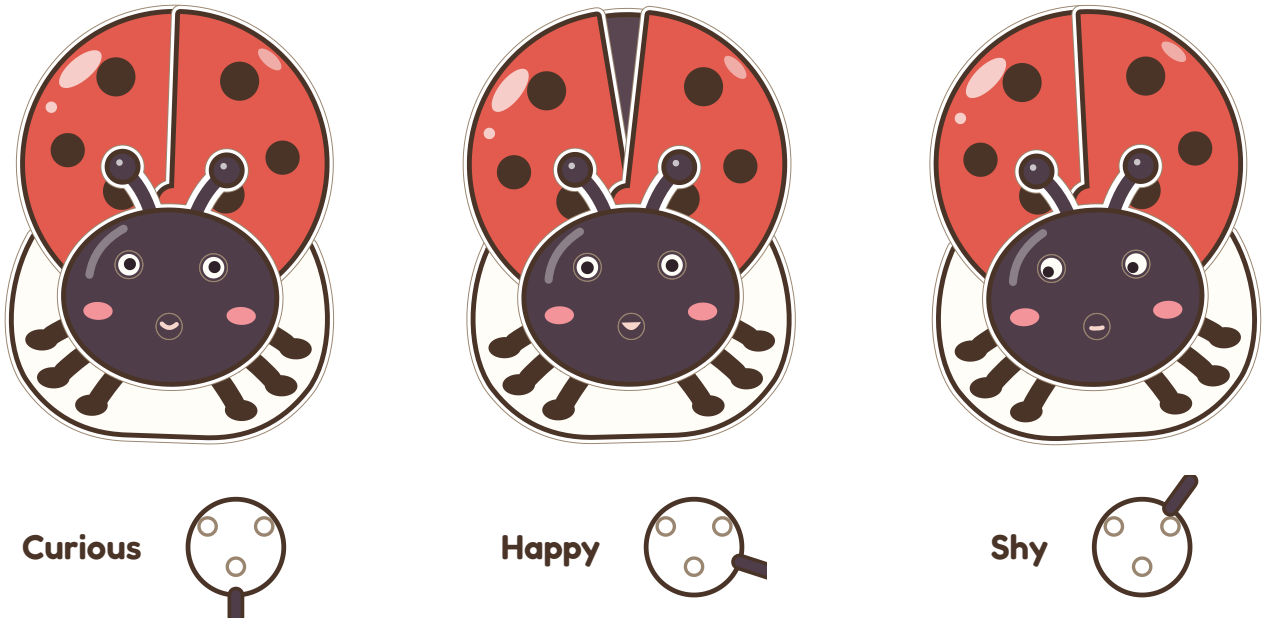


6 · Done. From behind, slide the tab along the slot to change Nina's face. Open the wings to make her fly.

Small parts: a grown-up assembles. Not for children under 3.

Nina's faces

Turn the tab behind the wheel, slowly, and new eyes and a new mouth show in the windows.



happy face, wings open

The little circle shows the wheel from behind: the tab points where the bar is, and the grey rings are the windows. Turn the tab to that spot to get the face.

How does Nina feel today?

- Turn the tab until a face shows up. Say what you see: "Nina looks sleepy."
- Copy the face together. Which one feels right for you today?
- Move like Nina: open your arms slowly, like little wings, and close them again, as softly as a petal.