Munching Mandibles

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

1. Light cardboard, file folder or cereal box
2. Scissors
3. A hole punch
4. 2 Brads
5. Felt tip pens or crayons
6. Masking tape

**Mandibles on ants often look like jaws. They serve as crushers to crunch insects into edible bits, hands to pick up objects as big as 50 times the weight of the ant, and traps to catch. The trap jaw ant snaps its mandibles shut as fast as 140 miles per hour! There are so many cool things to learn about the mandibles of an ant! This craft shows you how to make your own set of mandibles.**
There are over 12,000 species of ants world wide! Their faces and mandibles come in all shapes and sizes. If you are drawing your own, you can’t go wrong!
1. Trace cut out pieces onto light board
2. Cut out.
3. Color and add some hairs if you want.
4. Punch holes, far from the edges!
5. Attach mandibles with brads.
6. If brads are long or sharp, fold down and tape over folded parts.
7. Attach ear loops.
8. Ants live in colonies! Make munching mandibles for your whole family.