— LEARN AT CHESTER ZOO — HOW TO MAKE A MODEL HEDGEHOG

Hedgehogs are one of our most important native species; eating lots of insects and slugs that eat our plants! Unfortunately, though, their numbers are declining in UK every year.

Use this step by step guide to create your own model hedgehog to keep at home!

You'll need:

- 1 handful-sized ball of playdough (if you want to reuse it) or air-drying clay (if you want it to last)
- 3 small pebbles
- 2-3 thin twigs cut in to 3cm pieces



How to make:

Step 1: Take your ball of playdough or clay and mould it into a tear drop shape (where it comes out at a point) then smooth out the point to make the hedgehog's face



Step 2: Using your finger make 3 indents in the dough, two on top of the face and one at the end of the point. Press your 3 pebbles into the indents to make two eyes and a nose



Step 3: Take your pieces of twig and push them into the dough all over the body of the hedgehog to make the spikes



Well done! You've made your own hedgehog!