pulelehua finger puppet

**Directions**
1. Cut out pulelehua, antenna, and ring band.
2. Bend ring band ends together and tape overlapping ends to form a ring.
3. Staple or glue ring to the bottom center of the pulelehua near the head.
4. Glue the brown dot on antenna to top of pulelehua head behind the eyes. You can bend antenna up to they do not block the eyes.

**All about Pulelehua**

**Best of Both Worlds**
Pulelehua are born CATERPILLARS. The young caterpillars cut arcs at the leafs edge to build tent-like shelters to protect themselves from predators. After living in these shelters they pupate into dangling chrysalis that then transforms into a Pulelehua.

**What's on the Menu?**
The caterpillar of the pulelehua will mainly FEED on the leaves of māmaki, a native tree but also on other native trees including ōpūhe, ʻakōlea, and olonā. Adult pulelehua love to suck flower NECTAR, and the oozing sap from the wounds of koa trees!

**Jewels of the Forest**
The life cycle of the pulelehua are tied to māmaki trees and other native plants of the same family. Female pulelehua lay their eggs on the surface of young leaves of their host plant. Eggs are a light brown or gold color, darkening to metallic or silver as the caterpillar develops inside.