

BUSY BEES



Thanks to pollinators such as honeybees and bumble bees, millions of flowers are pollinated each year. When these busy bees land on flowers to drink the nectar inside, pollen gets stuck to their fluffy legs or body. When they move to another flower, the pollen of the two flowers mixes together. It's a win-win for the bees and the flowers — the bees get nectar to make honey and the flowers are pollinated so they can make seeds. Sometimes humans build homes for bees in exchange for some of the extra honey the bees make. This started a long time ago in North Africa when people would make pottery for the bees to live in. Next time you see a bee, tell it “thanks!”

Make a bee

Materials: Empty toilet paper roll, construction paper, googly eyes or make paper eyes, glue/tape, scissors, and a black marker

Directions:

1. Cut yellow construction paper to fit around the toilet paper tube (or paint the tube yellow). Glue/tape it to the tube.
2. Cut 8 thin strips of black construction paper. Glue 2 to the top of the tube for antenna and 3 on each side for legs.
3. Design and cut out wings and attach them to the back.
4. Attach the eyes (or draw them out!) and then draw on the rest of the face and the stripes