

Bumblebee Bookmarks

Bees are hardworking pollinators, which makes them very important to farmers. In fact, about one-third of our country's food relies on insect pollinators, such as bees. Examples of plants pollinated by bees include strawberries, melons, squash, tomatoes, and apples.

You will need:

Wooden craft sticks
Black and white pipe cleaners
"googly" eyes
Craft glue
Yellow and black markers
Large yellow pom-poms

How to:

1. Discuss with children why bees are so important to farmers. Point out that many of the foods that they enjoy are pollinated by bees.
2. Give each child a wooden craft stick. Use the yellow and black markers to color alternating sections of yellow and black on the stick to create the bee's body.
3. Glue to yellow pom-pom to the top of the stick. Then glue 2 eyes to the pom-pom.
4. Twist a white pipe cleaner around the middle of the stick to form wings.
5. Cut a 2 inch piece off of the black pipe cleaner. Twist it around the top of the stick to create the antennae.

Suggested Books:

Honeybee Man by Lela Nargi and Kyrsten Booker
Are You a Bee? By Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries
The Bumblebee Queen by April Pulley Sayre
Hooray for Beekeeping by Bobbie Kalman



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