

## The Bumble Bee



### MATERIALS

- White paper (If you have construction paper, use white, black, and yellow paper.) You don't have to make an accurate bumble bee either! Maybe you want a pink and black bee or lime green and blue bee!
- Scissors
- Glue, tape, or stapler (Stapler is helpful for keeping the paper connected to the toilet paper tube)
- Toilet paper tube
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils (Markers will give you a brighter result.)

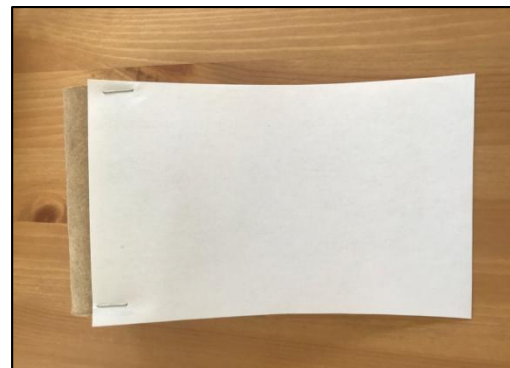
### STEPS

1. Collect all materials you have in your house.

**\*Helpful note:** If you are using white paper, it'll be easier to color your sheet (seen in picture below) before stapling it to the tube.



2. Cut your white or construction paper to fit the length of the toilet paper tube. Staple to secure on one end. Use guardian for assistance.



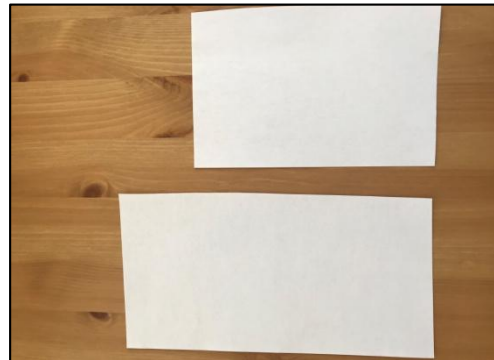
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3. Roll paper as tightly as you can. Staple other side. Use guardian for assistance.



4. Use remaining paper for the bumble bee stripes, wings, eyes, and antennae.

**\*Helpful Note:** The top piece I used for stripes and drawing the eyes and antennae. The bottom I used for the wings. Color stripes before cutting and attaching to the body.



5. Color your stripes unless you are using construction paper.



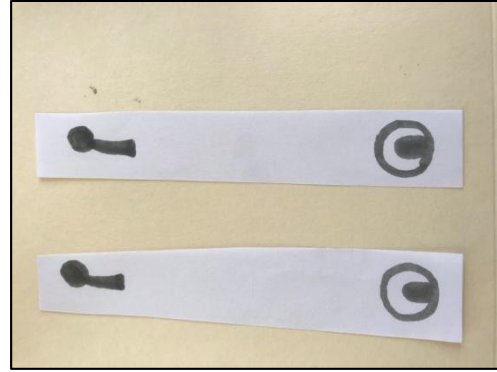
6. Glue, tape, or staple on your stripes.

**\*Helpful Note:** Tape worked well for me. Glue will work, but it'll take a little more patience so that it sticks.

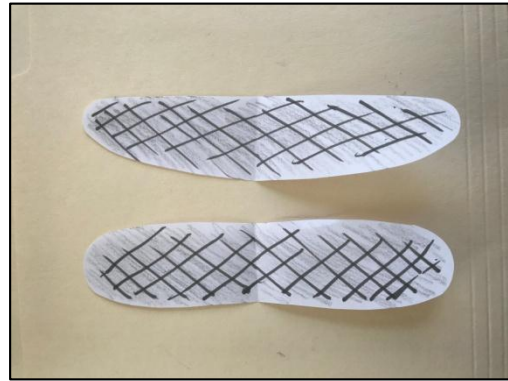


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7. On extra stripes or paper, using maker, colored pencil, or crayons; draw the eyes and antennae. Then, cut them out and glue or tape eyes and antennae on the top end of the body.



8. On the extra sheet (seen in picture of step 4) fold it in half and draw long ovals. Color in and cut out. Decorate the wings how you would prefer. Tape the wings to the back of the body.



9. Now you have a Bumble Bee! You can put a smile on your bee, name it, and fly it around!



**BUZZZZZZZZZZZZ!**

My name is Betty the bee. I like dandelions and other flowers. Say "hi" to me if you see me flying around! If you're allergic to me, stand far away and watch me zigzag in the air!

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### Storytime

Pair the craft with one of these books:

- *The Honeybee* by Kristin Hall
- *Bee and Me* by Elle J. McGuinness
- *Bee & Me* by Alison Jay (wordless story)
- *Are You a Bee?* by Judy Allen

### Creative Writing

Write a story about the bee you created. Use your imagination or use one of the books above for inspiration. What is the name of your bee? Where will your story take place? Are there other characters in the story? What will happen at the beginning, middle, and end?

### Let's Move!

Try pairing the craft and reading with this movement activity.

#### Bee Pose

1. Stand tall and strong
2. Rest your hands on your shoulders
3. Twist side-to-side from your belly button

Rest. Count to 10. Breathe slow and steady.

4. Let's move again! Circle your elbows
5. Now move your elbows up and down
6. Then, kick one leg at a time to dust the pollen from your feet! This move will test your balance. Try focusing your eyes on one spot.

Rest. Repeat the Bee Pose as many times as you wish!

#### Variations of Bee Pose

- How is your kicking movement? Ready for a challenge? Try to kick your feet behind you!
- Make up your own bumble bee movement. Try stretching out your arms and circle your hands, then move them up and down! How about holding the opposite elbows overhead? This will open your shoulders more.
- Don't forget to make a buzzing sound as you do this pose! **Bzzzz!**