

# Pollination Activity

## Materials needed:

Craft felts 1-2 green, 3 yellow, 1 black or brown

Scissors

Cardboard or foam core around 18x18"

Glue

Popsicle/craft sticks

Yellow and black pipe cleaners

Sharpie

Jar lid

Powdered chalk

## Prepare ahead:

Take one of the green felt, fold or cut in half the short way and cut out a simple leaf shape. All you need is something vaguely oval shaped with one end pointed.

Take two of the yellow felt, fold or cut in quarters and cut out simple petals. Both of these can be rough ovals with one pointy end.

Take the brown felt, fold or cut in quarters and cut out circles.

Glue the leaves, then the petals to the cardboard or foam core. Do NOT glue the flower center, just press it in place. It can be swapped out if it gets too covered in chalk.

Take the final yellow felt and cut petals to glue on to the jar lid.

Optional: cut leaves from green felt for the jar lid as well. The jar lid could also be glued to a paper plate with a flower drawn on. Add chalk powder to the jar lid.

Cut all the black pipe cleaners in half.

## Making the Bees:

1. Each kid gets one popsicle stick, one yellow pipe cleaner and two cut black pipe cleaners.
2. Starting with a black piece, lay it across the stick,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 inch from one end, bend it around to the other side and give it one twist. Spread the "antennae" apart and curl the ends if desired.
3. About an inch further along do the same on the other side to create legs. Bend the ends to create feet.
4. Take the yellow piece, starting behind the antenna, wrap around in a coil to give the bee a yellow body.
5. Use the Sharpie to draw a face. (Optional: self stick googly eyes)

## Activity:

Talk to the kids a bit about how bees pollinate flowers. Let each kid put their bees feet in the chalk and then have them touch the feet to the flower on the board. The center portion can be swapped out as needed.



# Seed Ball Activity

## Materials Needed:

Air dry clay

Wildflower seed mix (check that seeds are regionally appropriate, native is best)

Scoop for seeds  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp

Egg cartons or small paper bags (jewelry sized)

Paper or plastic to protect the table

Planting Directions

## Prepare ahead:

Print and cut planting directions to go with each seed ball.

Tear or cut apart egg cartons - each cup will hold one seed ball.

Portion out clay - about 1 Tablespoon per ball

## Activity:

1. Have the kids roll the clay into a ball.
2. Push 1-2 fingers into the center to create a place for the seeds.
3. Add 1 scoop of seeds to the hole that was created.
4. Pinch the ball closed then roll a bit more if desired.
5. Give each kid directions and an egg cup to hold the ball.

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# Honey Bee Headbands

## Materials Needed:

Headbands  
Black and Yellow pipe cleaners  
1.5 inch pom poms  
Glue gun or glue dots



## Activity:

### Option 1

Precut pipe cleaners in half. For each antenna twist together yellow and black. Twist and glue each one to the headband. Glue pom poms to the ends of the pipe cleaners.

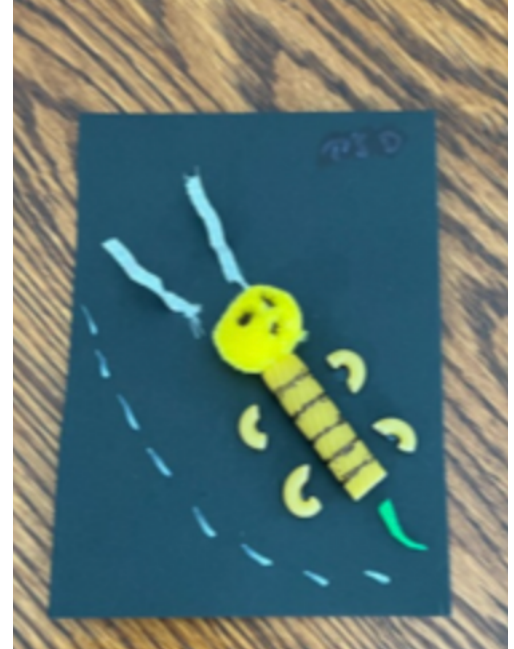
### Option 2 (no glue)

Use full length pipe cleaners. Twist pipe cleaners on to the headbands and twist the ends around the pom poms to attach.

# Flying Bees Craft

## Materials Needed:

Rigatoni (#83) about 1.5" long  
Elbow noodles  
1 inch pom poms  
Dark colored paper or cardstock  
Self stick googly eyes  
Paint pen or silver sharpie  
Black sharpie  
Tacky Glue or glue gun or glue dots  
(regular school glue not recommended)  
Light colored paper  
Scissors  
¼ inch wired ribbon (optional)



## Prepare Ahead:

Cut the dark paper or cardstock into quarters.  
Cut the light colored paper into thin (¼ inch) strips. These can be pre cut into antenna and stingers.  
If using, cut the ribbon into 1-1 ½ inch pieces for antenna.

## Activity:

Draw stripes on the rigatoni then glue down.  
Glue two macaroni on either side for the wings.  
Glue pom pom for the head.  
Stick googly eyes to the head or draw dots with the sharpie.  
Snip antenna from the strips of paper and glue in front of the head.  
Ask the kids if they want a girl bee or a boy. Only girls get stingers.  
Using the paint pen or marker, draw a dotted flight path behind the bee.