

# BumbleBee Craft



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Preschoolers  
2.5 - 4 years

Your kiddo will use their creative side to create patterns while using their fine motor skills. This is also a great time to talk with your kiddos about bee safety and conservation so they can keep themselves out of harm's way while respecting all of the ways that these little creatures benefit the planet.

## Lightbulb Learning Outcomes

### Domain:

Cognitive

### Skills:

Representation

### Indicator:

Connecting artwork to their past experiences or to emotions, feelings and thoughts.



## Materials

- Paint brushes
- Black and yellow paint
- Pencil or marker
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- White paper (2 sheets)
- Back pipe cleaners



## Instructions

**Step 1:** Have the kiddo paint black and yellow stripes of paint onto the entire sheet of paper. Allow the paint to dry.

**Step 2:** While the paint is drying, create the eyes. Cut two circles out of the second piece of white paper and use a paintbrush or black marker to draw a circle in the middle of each cutout.

**Step 3:** Cut a narrow triangle out of the white paper to create the stinger. Use a paintbrush or marker to color it black.

**Step 4:** Use 2 pipe cleaners to create antennae by bending them into spirals, angled lines or whatever other shape you like.

**Step 5:** Once the striped page is dry, use a pencil to draw a bee shape onto the page (a rectangle that is a bit narrower on one side and has rounded corners). Cut the shape out using scissors.

**Step 6:** Glue or tape the antennae, eyes and stinger in place.

**Step 7:** Hang the bee on the fridge or elsewhere to showcase the kiddo's work!



## Age Adjustments

**For older kiddos:** Encourage the children to use their creativity to use different patterns, shapes and colors for their bees.

**For younger kiddos:** Use hand over hand to help younger children paint, cut and glue the different components of this craft.



## Playful Questions

- What colors are bees?
- What do bees make?
- How do bees make a "buzz" sound?
- Where do bees live?
- How does a bee make honey?