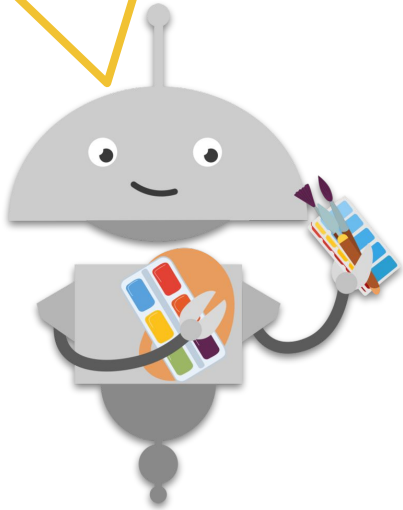


Craft Corner

The third Saturday in August is National Honey Bee Day! This year, that falls on August 16, 2025.



In this packet, you'll find...

- Bee Bookmark Craft
- The Buzz That Feeds Us
- Buzz and Bloom Coloring Fun
- Silly Story Builder: Bee Olympics

See our step-by-step instructions for this craft here!



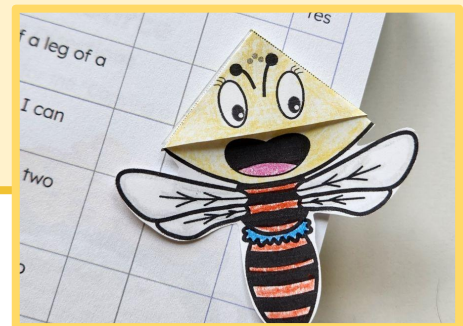
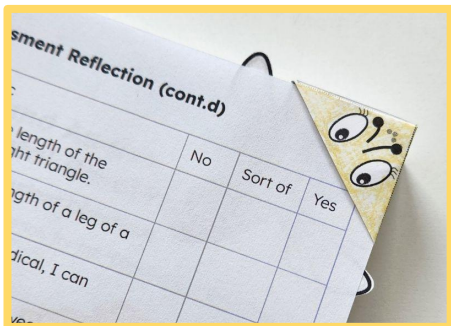
Bee Bookmark

Supplies

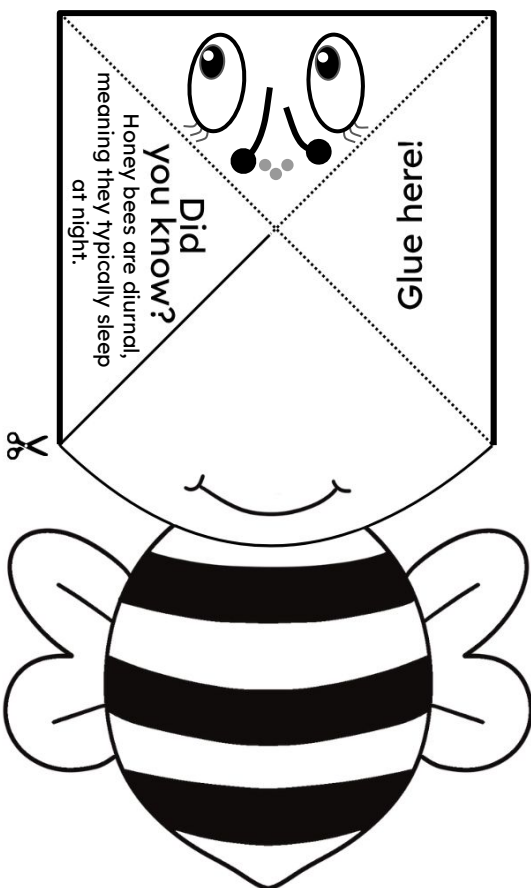
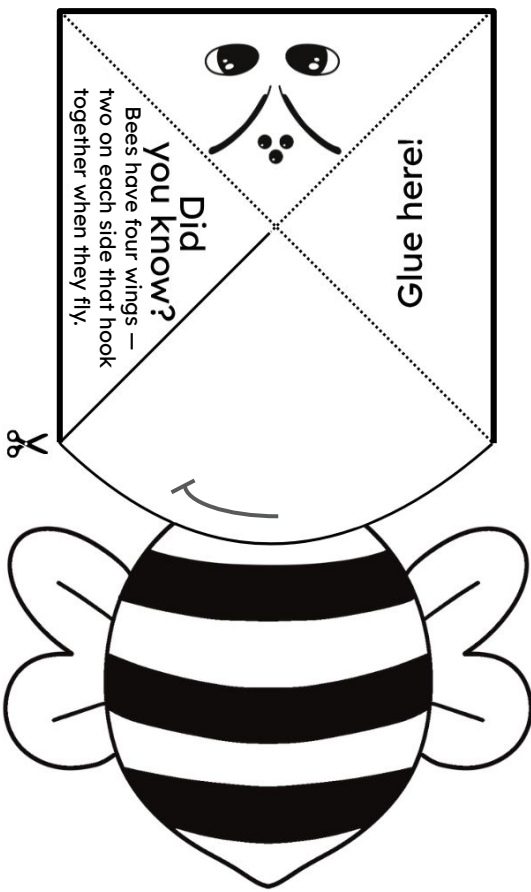
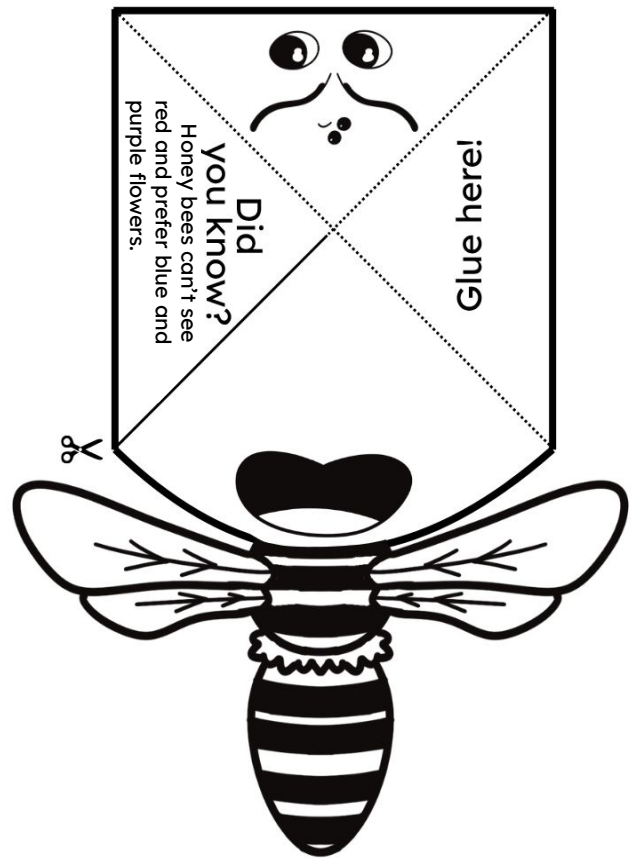
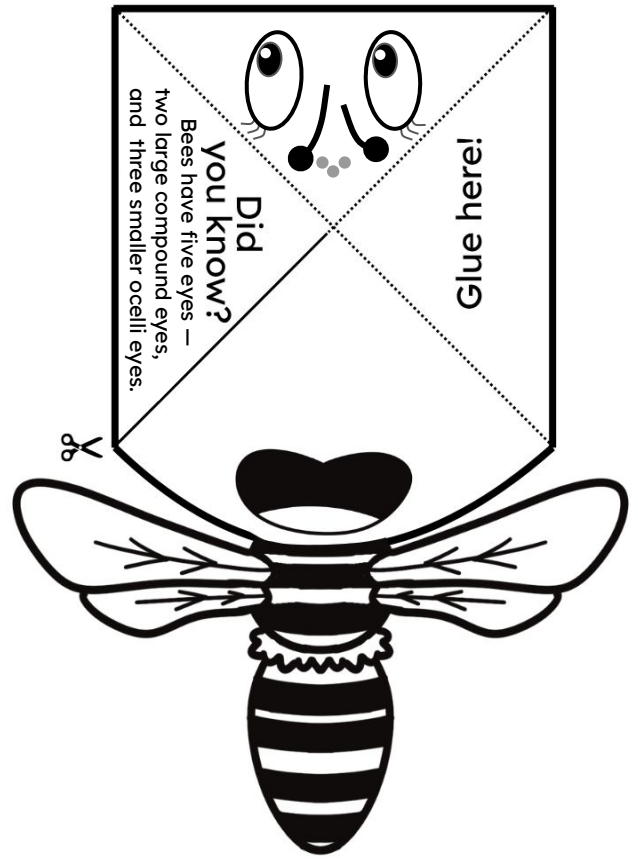
- Bookmark templates printed on paper or cardstock
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue

Optional:

- Stickers



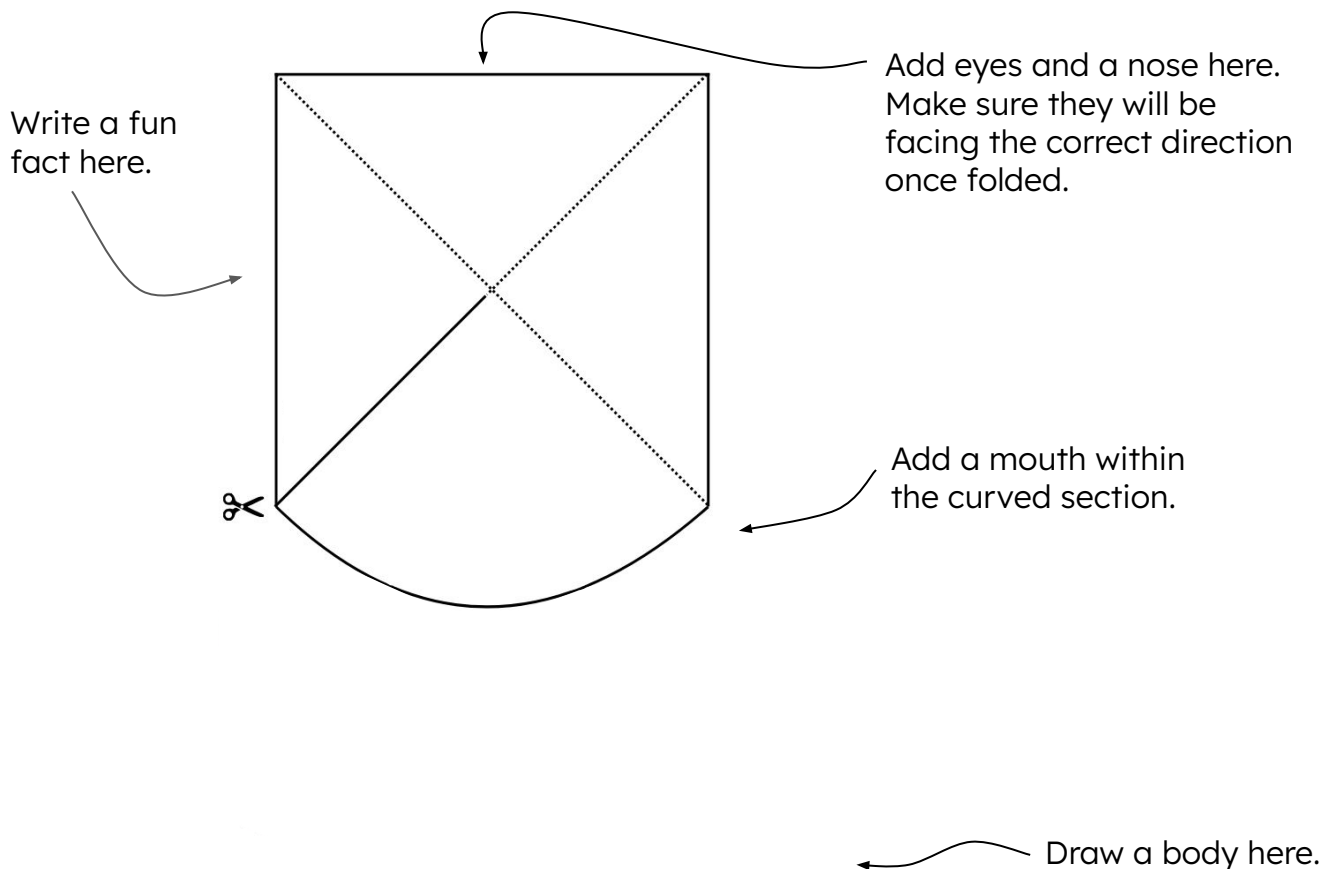
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Additional Ideas

- Make extra bookmarks to give to friends, family, and neighbors.
- Fill a basket with bookmarks and gift them to an elderly home.
- Use the template below to design your own bookmark with anything you want on it!

Bookmark Template



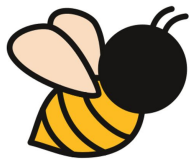
The Buzz That Feeds Us

Read the passage below to learn more about how honey bees help us grow our food and how people are helping to support healthy bees.

Have you ever crunched an almond or tasted a juicy blueberry? You can thank honey bees for that!

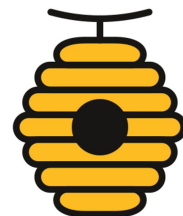


Honey bees do much more than make honey. They are helpers for farms, gardens, and wild plants. About one-third of the food we eat depends on these small pollinators. When honey bees fly from flower to flower, they carry pollen. This helps plants grow fruits, nuts, and vegetables.



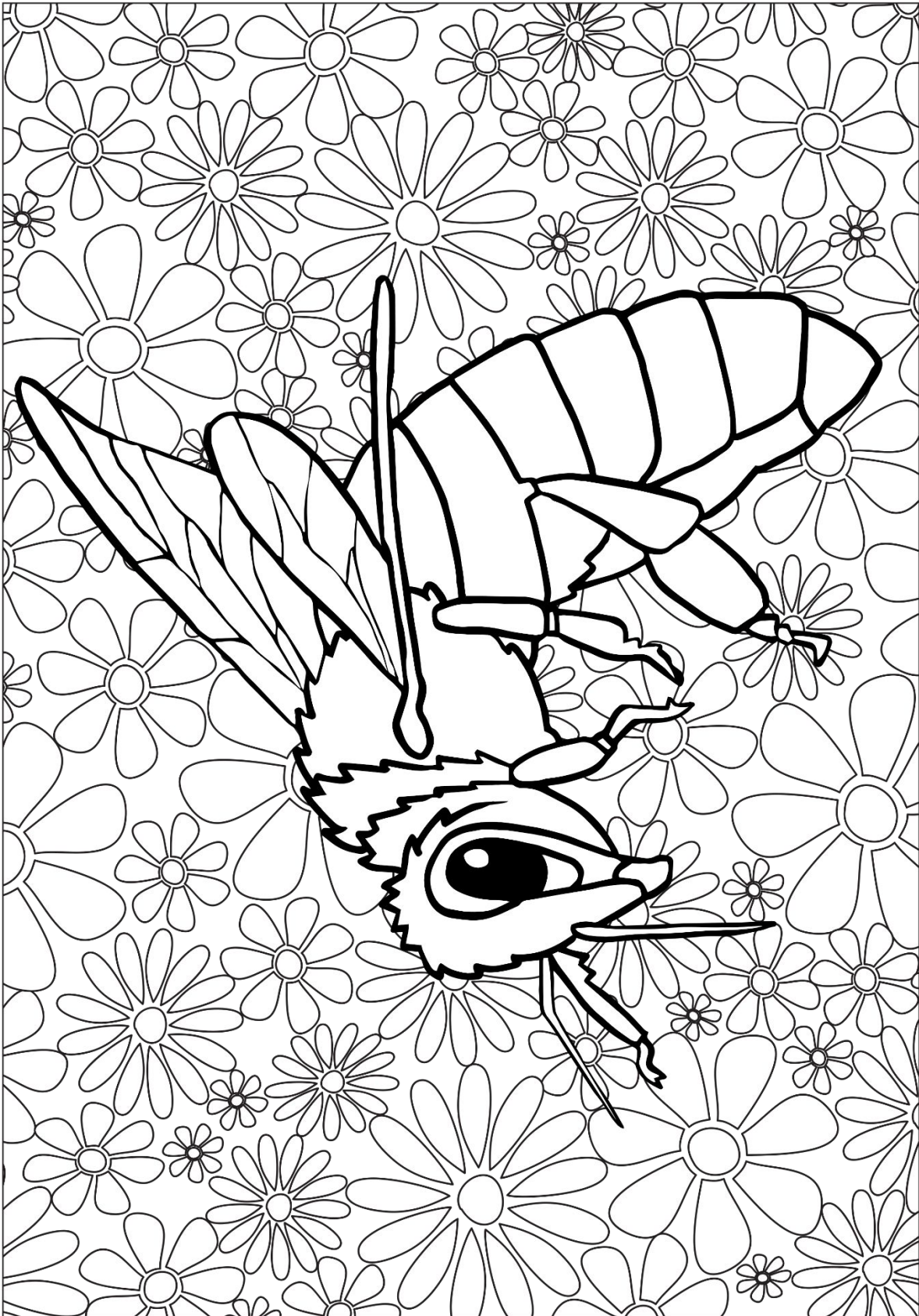
But honey bees need our help. Things like harsh chemicals, disappearing green spaces, and bee illnesses can make life harder for them. One challenge they face is called colony collapse disorder — when most of the bees leave their hive and don't return.

The good news? People everywhere are stepping up to help! Some plant flowers and gardens for bees. Others use fewer chemicals on plants. Many farmers are finding ways to grow food that is safe for bees.



When we help honey bees, we help ourselves, too. So next time you see a honey bee buzzing by, remember how important they are!

Buzz and Bloom Coloring Fun



Silly Story Builder: Bee Olympics

Welcome to the Buzz-tastic Bee Olympics! In this story, you'll decide how the adventure unfolds by filling in the blanks with your own words.



You have two ways to play — choose the option that works best for you:

Option 1: Use the blanks below to **create your own words** for each category.

Option 2: Choose and **circle your favorite word** from each category.

Once you've made your choices, use them to fill in the blanks on the next page to build your silly story!

Option 1		8. Girl's name	
1. Place:		9. Personality trait:	
2. Bee body part:		10. Verb:	
3. Plural article of clothing:		11. Noun:	
4. Animal:		12. Your least favorite food:	
5. Round object:		13. Award:	
6. Adjective:		14. Verb ending with -ing:	
7. Adjective:		15. Your favorite food:	

Option 2		8. Buzzy, Beetrice, Blossom
1. Garden, meadow, forest	9. Determination, bravery, cleverness	
2. Wings, antennae, toes	10. Hover, zoom, bounce	
3. Helmets, knee pads, goggles	11. Clover patch, garden gate, picnic table	
4. Cheetah, falcon, horse	12. Mustard, spicy peppers, olives	
5. Acorn, marble, marshmallow	13. Trophy, medal, crown	
6. Goopy, sweet, oozing	14. Dancing, galloping, wiggling	
7. Sticky, slippery, clumsy	15. Pizza, meatloaf, ice cream sundae	

Use the words you chose on the previous page to complete the story!

Every summer, bees from all over the (#1)_____ gather for the famous Bee Olympics. The hive buzzes with excitement as competitors stretch their (#2)_____ and polish their tiny (#3)_____ for the big day.



First up is the Nectar Sprint. Bees zip from flower to flower, collecting nectar faster than a (#4)_____ on roller skates! Then comes the Pollen Balance Challenge, where bees must carry pollen while balancing on a (#5)_____.

But a crowd favorite is the Honey Drop Relay. Teams race to complete an obstacle course while carefully carrying a (#6)_____ drop of honey. It takes speed, agility, and lots of (#7)_____ wings!

This year, everyone cheers for (#8)_____. It's her first olympics, and she's the smallest bee in the hive. She may be small, but she has a big heart and even more (#9)_____. (#8)_____ begins racing, first darting through the hollyhocks and then diving through the sprinkler. But before she can (#10)_____ over the (#11)_____, disaster strikes — the honey drop falls and is heading straight for some (#12)_____.! The crowd gasps, abuzz with fright.

But (#8)_____ stays calm, swoops down to grab the honey before it can land, and races to the finish. She crosses the line just in time, winning a shiny (#13)_____ and proving that even the tiniest bee can be a champion.

The hive celebrates the win with (#14)_____, snacks, and a giant (#15)_____.

